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NAZIS ON DEFENSIVE IN FACE OF SOVIET COUNTER-ATTACKS

Gomel and Kexholm Scene of Latest Thrusts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 7 (UP).—THE RED ARMY ORGAN, "RED STAR" TO-DAY REPORTED FURTHER SUCCESSFUL SOVIET COUNTER-ATTACKS IN THE KEXHOLM AND GOMEL DIRECTIONS. IN THE GOMEL SECTOR, AN INFANTRY DIVISION MADE AN OFFENSIVE ATTACK AGAINST THE LEFT FLANK OF THE GERMAN VANGUARD, SMASHED THEIR RESISTANCE AND RE-CAPTURED SEVERAL VILLAGES. IN THE KEXHOLM DIRECTION, THE RUSSIANS ROUTED THE ENEMY WHICH IS REPORTED TO BE FLEEING IN PANIC THROUGH THE WOODS.

UNABATED BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD

Issue Remains In Balance

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

LONDON, SEPT. 7 (REUTER).—THROUGHOUT THE WEEK-END, THE BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD CONTINUED UNABATED. THE ISSUE REMAINS IN THE BALANCE: THE SOVIET COMMUNIQUE IS RETICENT, REPORTING ONLY THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES, WHILE EVEN THE GERMANS MERELY FALL BACK UPON THE ACCUSTOMED FORMULA THAT OPERATIONS CONTINUE "ACCORDING TO PLAN."

U. S. TO GROW FOR BRITAIN

Record Production Called For

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 7 (UP).—THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, MR. CLAUDE WICKARD, ANNOUNCED A RECORD 1942 FARM PRODUCTION PROGRAMME CALLING FOR AN ALL-TIME RECORD PRODUCTION TO "IMPROVE THE NUTRITION OF THIS COUNTRY AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE NATIONS WHO STILL STAND BEHIND THIS COUNTRY AND HITLER."

The Secretary asked for unlimited sugar production; slightly increased corn acreage; more soybeans and potatoes; nearly doubled peanut production; and he emphasised his request for increased production in hogs, eggs, evaporated milk, cheese and chickens, all of which are vitally needed by the British.

When production would be reduced fifteen to twenty per cent below this year's crop in view of the surplus, as well as the lack of export demand. The cotton acreage would be but little changed.

Contracts For Farmers

"Every farmer in the United States will be contacted by the local farmer committees under the U.S. Department of Agriculture defence boards," he declared. He has scheduled production conferences at Salt Lake City, Chicago, New York, and Memphis, Tenn.

Regarding sugar, Mr. Wickard said that "no acreage limit was expected,"

Despite the huge effort the Germans are making, it seems that they have nothing concrete to report since their claim two days ago that Leningrad was under shell-fire. Even if this claim is true, it is not particularly significant for it may be noted that Odessa, Tobruk and even Dover all along have been under German shell-fire, but are far from being in German hands. Nevertheless, it would be foolish to underestimate the seriousness of the German thrust on Leningrad and doubt it is just because the Russians realise the strategic importance of that city they are now exerting such strenuous efforts to defend it.

Disruption Of Strength

Should Leningrad fall at any time before the winter sets in, it might leave a section of the Nazi army free to sweep inwards towards Moscow and in addition would give them in the port of Leningrad a valuable supply base free from mud and snow which is not from ice, for it should be noted that the Gulf of Finland is ice-covered throughout the winter months.

The defences which the Germans are now facing in Leningrad are formidable. Indeed, the three concentric rings of fortifications around its southern approaches (the only direction from which the city can seriously be threatened) have been compared in strength with the best in the world. They may not be impregnable, but they certainly will exact a disastrous toll of German lives if the Nazis decide to try to take the city by storm.

Tangled Outskirts

Even if the Germans reach the very outskirts of this city of 3,000,000 inhabitants, their problems will TURN TO BACK PAGE, COLUMN 4

indicating a renewal of the sugar act which is expiring this year.

need from six to eight per cent, of the total American farm production next year.

The Red army also repulsed a German attempt to force a crossing of the Khrama River on the western front, blew up pontoon bridges and destroyed 35 planes on a neighbouring airport.

SOVIETS USE PANZER UNITS

ZURICH, SEPT. 7 (UP).—THE NEWSPAPER "ZURICHER ZEITUNG BERLINER" REPORTS THAT IN VARIOUS SECTORS IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE STARTED VERY HEAVY COUNTER-ATTACKS WITH STRONG FORCES AND LARGE REINFORCEMENTS OF PANZER UNITS INCLUDING THE HEAVIEST TYPES.

The heaviest attack appears to be on the central front by Marshal Timoshenko's army and also along the Dnieper where Marshal Budenny has released a very strong offensive against the German east bank bridgeheads at many points. The Russians even tried to cross the Dnieper, but Berlin claims that they were thrown back with losses.

CEASELESS ACTIVITY BY R.A.F.

Tripoli And Derna Attacked

CAIRO, SEPT. 7 (REUTER).—THE R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE SAYS: "LIBYA.—HEAVY BOMBERS OF THE R.A.F. ATTACKED SHIPPING ALONGSIDE THE SPANISH QUAY AT TRIPOLI ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 6-6. A MEDIUM-SIZED MERCHANTMAN WAS HIT BY BOMBS AND MANY DIRECT-HITS WERE OBTAINED ON THE QUAY."

Other R.A.F. bombers raided a number of objectives in Cirenaica. At Derna, large fires broke out and in one of these an explosion took place followed by showers of sparks. A number of enemy aircraft on the ground are believed to have been destroyed.

A motor transport camp south of Derna was also attacked and fires resulted from our bombing. "At Martuba, bombs fell among dispersed aircraft and motor transports and the glow of the fires could be seen all over the target area."

Other attacks were made on Bardia and the aerodrome of El Adem.

"On the night of September 6-7, enemy aircraft attempted to raid the Suez Canal area. Our night fighters shot down two raiders and damaged others."

"From all these operations one of our aircraft is missing."

The paper states, "It is understood that the Russian counter-attacks are temporarily forcing the Germans to devote their chief attention to the defensive. The counter-attacks, however, have never exceeded the character of localised successes."

"The Russian losses are reported to be very heavy and therefore it is the conviction in Berlin that the Russian efforts will last only a certain time when they will be replaced with fresh German offensive operations."

Western Sector

MOSCOW, SEPT. 7 (REUTER).—FURTHER SUCCESSES IN LOCAL OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN SECTOR ARE REPORTED TO-DAY.

In one of the sub-sectors in the direction of Gomel, a Soviet rifle division, after overcoming considerable resistance, has retaken a number of large inhabited places and destroyed 21 German tanks and many guns.

At another point in the western sector, the Germans had established bridgeheads across the River Khmar. Soviet aircraft by dive-attacks destroyed the bridgeheads and prevented a crossing and killed some hundreds of Germans.

Soviet planes also attacked two aerodromes used by the enemy and destroyed 35 planes and damaged others.

Odessa Bombed

LONDON, SEPT. 7 (REUTER).—"GERMAN BOMBERS LAST NIGHT BOMBED THE TOWN AND HARBOUR OF ODESSA AS WELL AS RAILWAY JUNCTIONS OF MILITARY IMPORTANCE WITH GOOD EFFECT," SAYS THE GERMAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY.

"Small and large fires testified to the effect of the attack."

Command Of Air

MADRID, SEPT. 7 (REUTER).—THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF "EFE" SAYS TURN TO BACK PAGE, COLUMN 4

LATEST

Mr Campbell In A Serious Condition

Inquiries made at the Kowloon Hospital this morning reveal that Mr J. G. Campbell, of the Public Works Department, who was admitted to the Hospital yesterday evening suffering from the effects of poison, is still in a serious condition. The type of poison used is not disclosed.

Tribute To Menzies

Mr Fadden paid a fine tribute to Mr R. G. Menzies his predecessor as Prime Minister who he said, gave himself unstintingly to his country in one of its most difficult periods.

Mr Fadden added: "The third year will probably determine if civilisation already bruised and battered is to survive. That is why Australians, with the free people of

No Air Mastery For Nazis

Russian Campaign Brings Big Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 7 (UP).—GENERAL GRENDEL OF THE RED AIR FORCE, ANALYSING THE LUFTWAFFE'S LOSSES IN THE GERMAN-RUSSIAN WAR IN TO-DAY'S "RED STAR," SAID THAT THE GERMANS HAVE NOT YET FAILED TO ACHIEVE MASTERY OF THE AIR, BUT ARE CONTINUING TO LOSE DISPROPORTIONATELY COMPARED TO THE RED AIR FORCE'S LOSSES, WHILE THE QUALITY OF MACHINES AND MEN IS STEADILY WORSENING.

Repeating the official Soviet figures of German losses in the first two months of the war of 7,200 planes, a third of which were Messerschmitt 111 and a considerable number of ME-109s, he claimed that the Soviet aviation "not only unyielded to the Germans but in many respects excels them."

Old-Type Machines

He said that the Luftwaffe's strength on the east front consists of four air fleets and one air corps headed by Generals Keitel, Leer, Keller and Schumpp. They are using old types of bombers; Heinkel 111, Dornier 215 and diverse Junkers 88 and Messerschmitt 110 which are thoroughly modernised, as well as a new fighter, Heinkel 113.

Effective Soviet Bombings

General Grendel stated that Russian air bombing has been most effective at airports. "The experience in this war has shown that the Luftwaffe does not operate on a mass scale, but as individual groups, since the front lacks any large air bases accommodating hundreds of planes."

"The majority of the airports contain several dozen planes, some upwards of 40 or 60 are located in sheltered corners as well as camouflaged areas; however, Soviet reconnaissance from the air and land have spotted these bases and inflicted crushing blows on them."

German Plane Losses

MOSCOW, SEPT. 7 (UP).—AT LEAST 300 GERMAN PLANES HAVE BEEN TURN TO BACK PAGE, COLUMN 3

Mrs Sara Delano Roosevelt



President Roosevelt's Aged Mother Passes

NEW YORK, SEPT. 7 (REUTER).—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MOTHER MRS SARA DELANO ROOSEVELT IS DEAD.

The President and his wife spent Saturday night at his mother's bedside and they were with her when she died at 11.15 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Mrs Roosevelt had been unconscious for 12 hours following what the family physician, Dr Scott Smith, called "acute circulatory collapse due principally to advanced age."

The first intimation of this development came on Friday night, but Mrs. Sara Roosevelt's condition did not become alarming until late on Saturday.

The funeral at Hyde Park on Tuesday will be private.

The old lady spent most of the summer at her cottage at Campo Bello Island, New Brunswick. She left there for Hyde Park on August 31.

Met King And Queen

Mrs Sara Roosevelt was the wife of James Roosevelt, fourth cousin of President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1938 she met the King and Queen during their stay at the Hyde Park residence of the President and his wife during the Royal tour of Canada and the United States.

Born in 1854 at Algonac, a few miles from Newbury, New York State, Mrs. Roosevelt spent her childhood in Hongkong where her father was in business. On her return to Algonac she married in 1880 James Roosevelt, who was a distant cousin. In December, 1900, when the present President was 18, his father died and from then on until Mrs. Roosevelt's affection was centred on her son, whose meteoric career she followed step by step with great pride.

Visit To Paris

In September, 1937, at the age of 83 Mrs. Roosevelt went to Paris at the invitation of the French Government. She visited the Paris Exhibition and returned to New York on September 10.

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Summary Of Week's Air Warfare

Europe & Mid. East;

LONDON, SEPT. 7 (REUTER).—R.A.F. LOSSES IN THE EUROPEAN ZONE LAST WEEK SHOWED A CONSIDERABLE DROP COMPARED WITH SEVERAL PREVIOUS WEEKS ALTHOUGH THEIR WESTERN OFFENSIVE CONTINUED UNABATED.

Losses in Western Europe and the Middle East last week were 38 Axis and 40 R.A.F. Twenty-eight R.A.F. bombers failed to return from raids over Germany and occupied territory and attacks on shipping.

R.A.F. fighters destroyed 14 Messerschmitts for the loss of 11.

In the Middle East, 20 Axis bombers and fighters were destroyed, for the loss of seven R.A.F. machines.

On several sweeps, fighter pilots reported that Messerschmitts refused to fight and it appears that the Luftwaffe chief is trying to conserve pilots.

Gang Attack On Chinese Newspaper

Incident In City

A determined effort to obstruct the normal sale of the "Hua Hsiang Pao," pro-Leftist Chinese evening newspaper, was made on Saturday afternoon, when papers were wrenched from the hands of vendors and torn up by a gang of hooligans outside the newspaper's wholesale depot in Lee Yuen East.

The incident occurred shortly after 3 p.m., the normal publication time. As soon as vendors were issued with the papers, they were met by a number of "toughs" who forcibly took possession of the papers and tore them into shreds at the end of the street.

It is estimated that at least three-quarters of the day's issue were destroyed in this way and prevented from passing into readers' hands. Police assistance was summoned, whereupon the gang disappeared. Yesterday's issue of the paper was not interfered with in any way.

Saturday's Raid Over Rhineland Described

LONDON, SEPT. 7 (REUTER).—THE FULL STORY OF THE SATURDAY NIGHT RHINELAND RAID IS TOLD BY THE AIR MINISTRY. THOUGH THERE WAS A MOON AND CLEAR SKY OVER WESTERN GERMANY, THE TARGET WAS FOUND ONLY AFTER SKILLFUL NAVIGATION.

The target was the chemical works at Huls, just north of the Ruhr, an important plant for the manufacture of buna or synthetic rubber with which Germany planned to make the army and air forces independent of the blockade.

One Whitley pilot circled and criss-crossed the whole area for an hour and half before the navigator was certain that the right place was located. Then he saw his bombs explode among the buildings and several fires sprang up.

Other crews had similar experiences. Searchlights were everywhere—one pilot dived within a hundred feet of the ground to escape them—and anti-aircraft fire was intense.

Greer Sequel Inflames U.S. Opinion

Nazi Charges Ridiculed

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 7 (REUTER).—GERMAN CHARGES AGAINST PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT OVER THE "GREER INCIDENT" ARE TREATED AS LUDICROUS HERE AS NO ONE BELIEVES THAT THE GREER HAD ANY ORDERS TO DO ANYTHING BUT DEFEND HIMSELF.

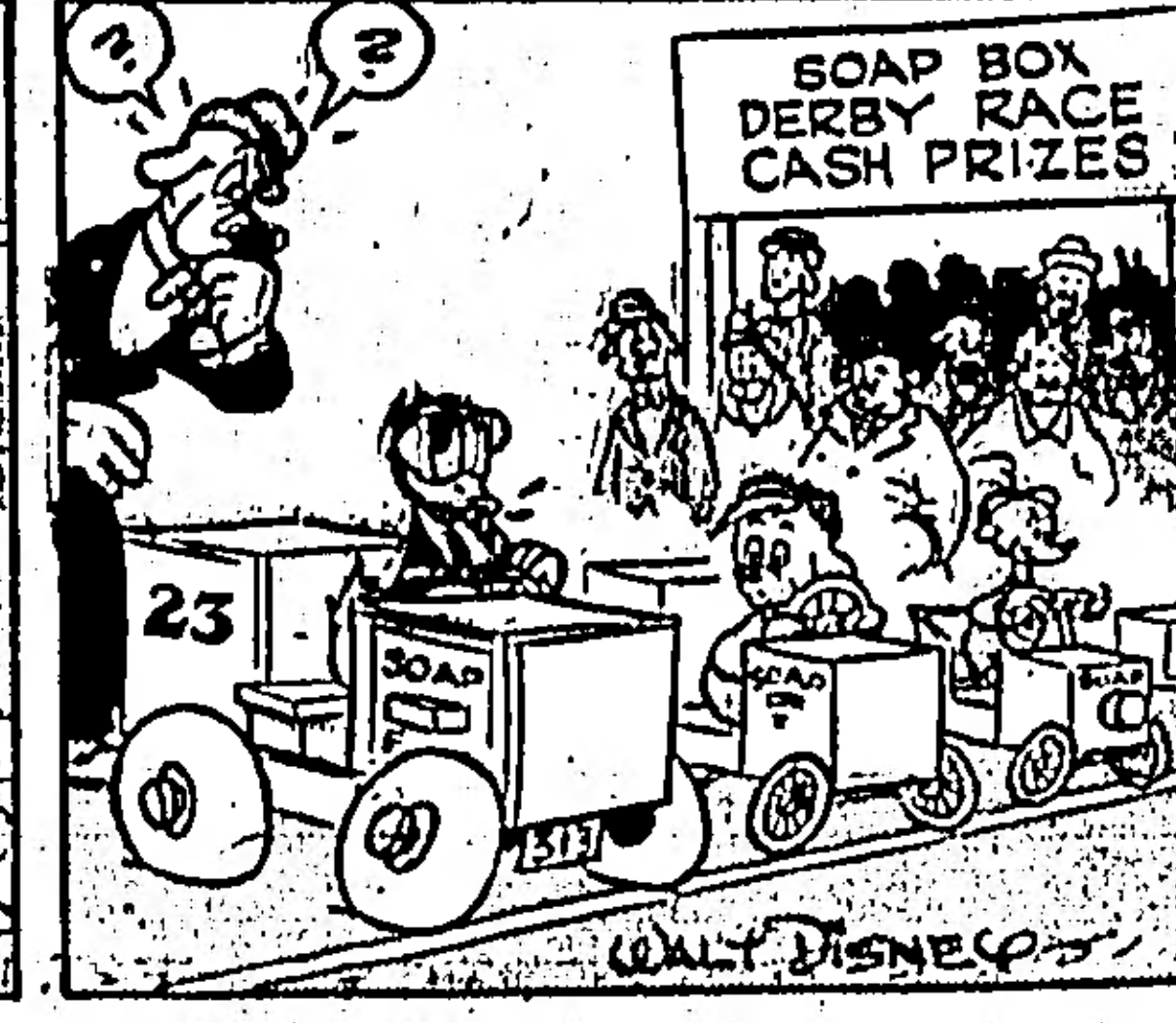
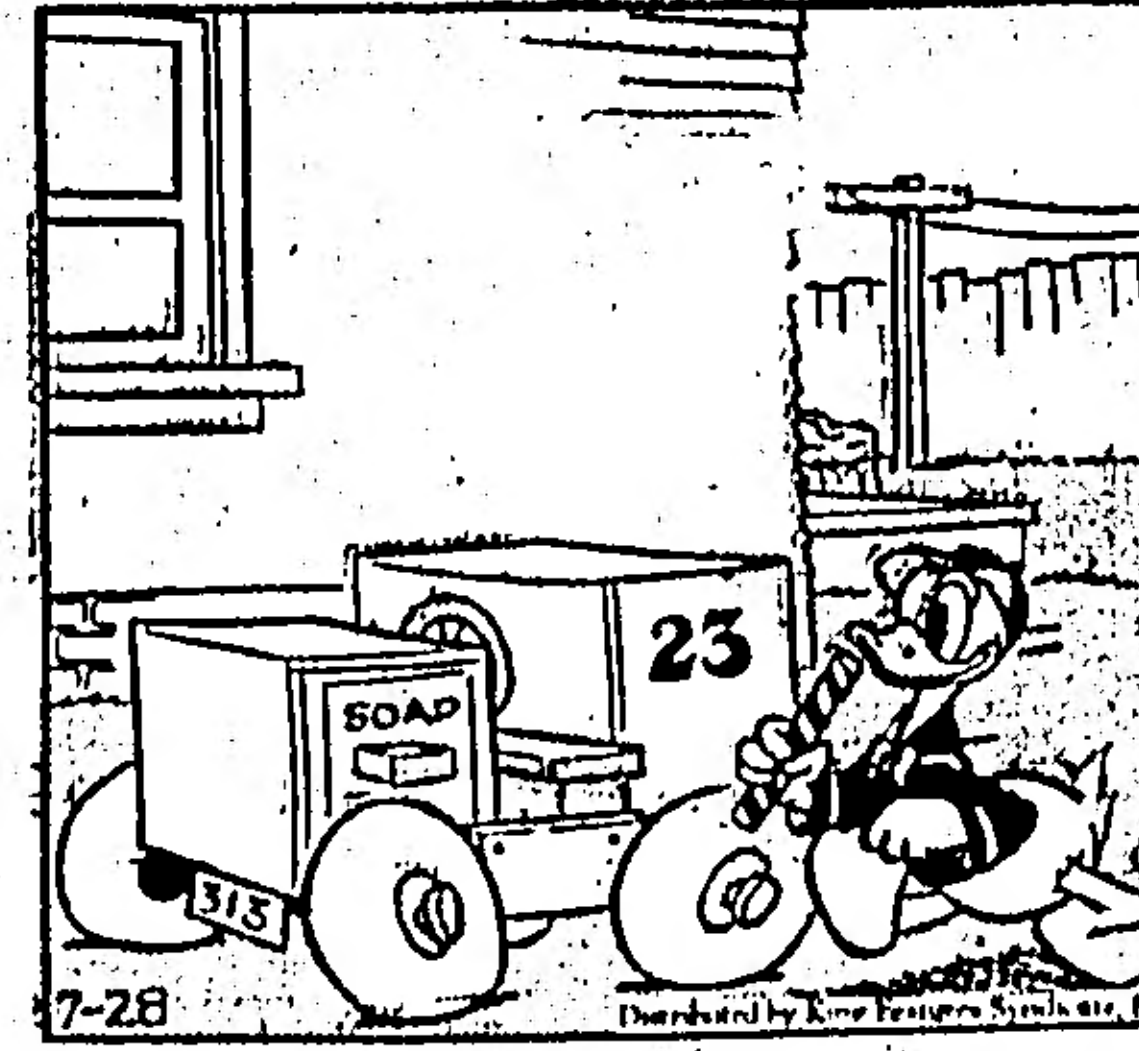
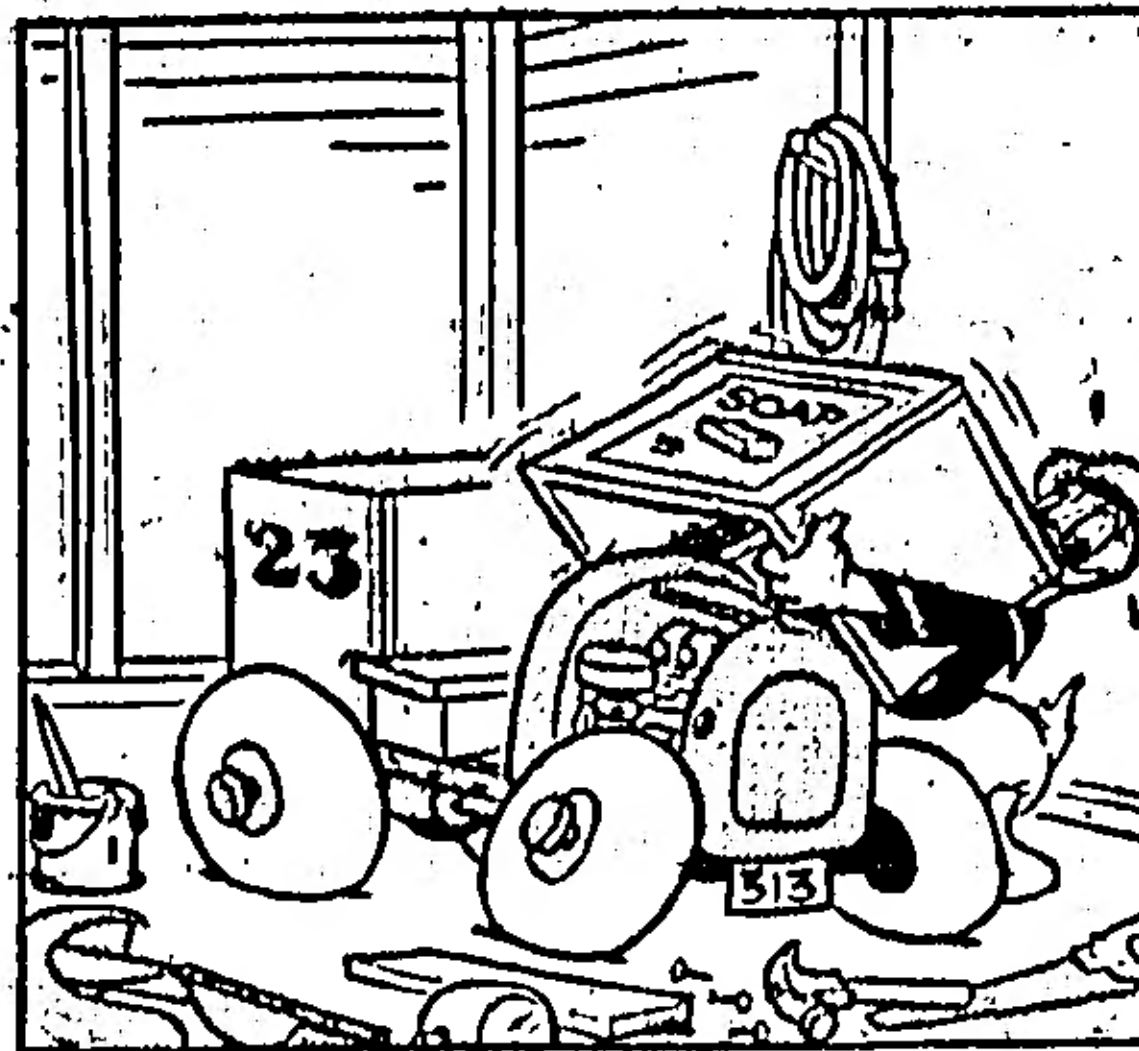
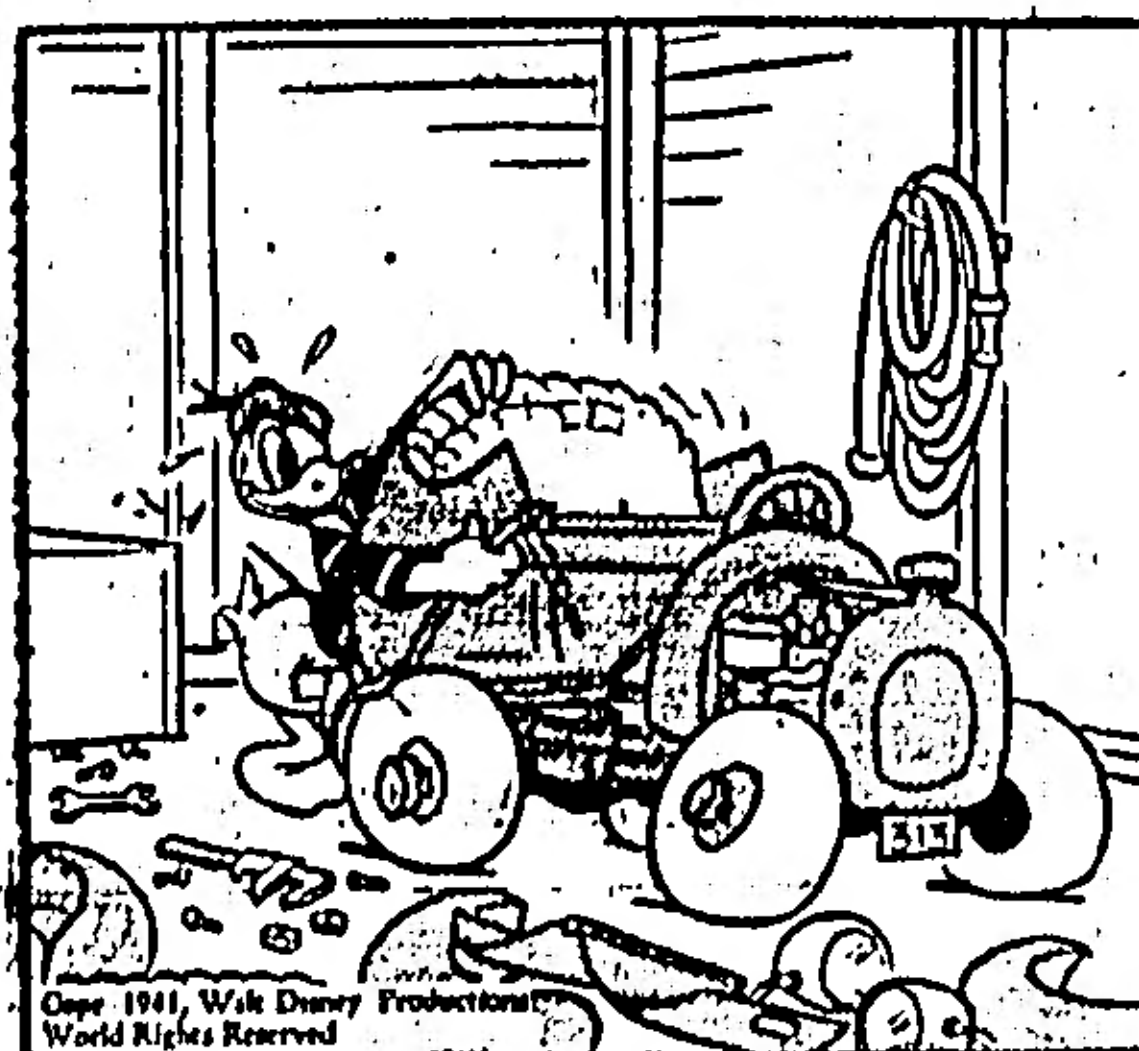
Moreover, the destroyer was so plainly marked that no submarine commander with a periscope above the water could possibly have mistaken her for one transferred to Britain.

The incident, which appeared fairly innocuous at first, now threatens to develop into a serious diplomatic issue and while no one still believes that it can lead America into war, it will intensify relations and similar incidents in future will unquestionably inflame opinion here.

Reports from Hyde Park that President Roosevelt is considering convoys as a result of the Greer incident are received here with intense interest but no further information on this head is available here.

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ARRESTED—Major Sir Herbert Paul Latham, 36, member of British House of Commons, arrested in London on charge of "alleged offences against military law." Charge was not explained. He is a young politician and army man and an Eton and Oxford graduate.

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12.15 Short Service of Intercession

12.30 Jack Harris and His Orchestra in a selection of dance music

1.0 Local time signal

1.02 Frances Langford and Tony Martin in Variety

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press Announcements

1.45 A Moszkowski Programme comprising Yehudi Menuhin (violin) with piano; State Opera Orchestra; Ellen Joyce (soprano); Richard Tauber (tenor) and the Blue Hungarian Band.

2.15 Close Down

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Half an hour of dance music.

7.17 Variety Programme.

8.0 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—"Listening Post."

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Dvorak Centenary Programme.

9.0 Local Time Signal. This Week's Programme.

9.05 Puccini's "La Tosca" Act 2. Singers in order of appearance: Apollo Gualandri (Baritone); Giovanni Azzimonti (bass); Nelo Palai (tenor); Piero Palai (tenor) with orchestra of La Scala Milan.

9.45-10.0 News in French (on short wave only).

9.45 Negro Spirituals. Singers—Paul Robeson, Edna Thomas.

10.0 London Relay—News and News Commentary.

10.15 Chopin Sonata in B Flat Minor Op. 35—Percy Grainger (piano).

10.35 The Light Symphony Orchestra and Nancy Evans (soprano).

11.0 London News From Home.

11.15 Close Down.

HONGKONG DEFENCE

Manning Exercise Makes War-Like Atmosphere

Large scale manning exercises were carried out by the Hongkong Defence Forces during the week-end, when partial black-out was imposed after midnight on Friday night. A black-out of the water front and street lighting yesterday from 10 p.m. to sunrise to-day marked the continuation of the manoeuvres.

Ferries were affected on Friday, the last "Star" ferry leaving each side of the harbour at 11.55 p.m. instead of 1.30 a.m. as usual. The vehicular ferry was at the disposal of the military, and civilian traffic was affected during the exercises.

Troops in full war kit and some sections of the Volunteers took part in the exercises. It is understood that so far the manoeuvres have proved very successful and have provided good training for the men.

The exercises gave the Colony a somewhat realistic war-time atmosphere—particularly motorists, some of whom encountered barriers on the roads in various parts of the Colony, where they were stopped by men in full war paint, and then told to proceed. This was a little startling on lonely roads, and more so to those who suddenly came across a lone soldier camouflaged among the trees, or detected suddenly at the roadside the business end of a machine-gun.

Bathers at beaches were interested in sea planes and land planes flying overhead, sometimes thrillingly low. Several planes were seen to drop "parachutists" and the battle of machine-gun fire told its own story. These exercises, it is understood, were designed to give the local garrison practice in repelling attacks of the type encountered in Greece and Crete, where large numbers of airborne troops were landed from enemy planes and gliders.

At night searchlights probed the sky and fastened their beams on silver "raiders" looking like "tootsie" toys.

It is understood that the exercises will continue to-day.

Warning Of Gunfire

It is notified from Military Headquarters that blank artillery ammunition firing will take place from various land positions in the neighbourhood of Kowloon, to-day as well as on September 9, 10 and 12.



EAST INDIES DEFENDERS.—South of Indo-China, recently occupied by Japanese troops, stretch fabulous Netherlands Indies, with their oil, rubber and quinine. For year U. S. has been supplying islands with war materials under lend-lease act. Above are native infantry parading in Batavia.

U.S. Has Much To Lose In Trade By Japan's Move In Indo-China

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The United States is likely to lose an important source of rubber and an \$8,000,000 market for various American products from the new Japanese penetration of Indo-China—not to mention what it will lose in security to the Philippines, the Netherlands Indies and Singapore.

LATE MRS BOLT WAS ACTIVE SOCIAL WORKER

The funeral of the late Mrs Mabel Evelyn Bolt, wife of Captain B. F. Bolt, of the Hongkong and Macao steamship Kin Shan, took place at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday. The Rev. Cyril Brown officiated.

Mrs Bolt, who was a well-known social worker in Hongkong, died at the Matilda Hospital yesterday morning. She had been in hospital for some weeks. She was, until her illness, actively connected with the North Point Refugee Camp and St. John's Cathedral Women's Fellowship.

Mrs Bolt was also a fully qualified nurse and saw service with the Red Cross during the last war. She is survived by her husband.

Among the many people who attended the funeral were Dr. J. H. Montgomery of the Matilda Hospital; the Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Rose, Mr. Peter Wilson, Mr. J. C. Saunders and several seafaring men, and representatives of the St. John's Cathedral Fellowship and the Refugee Camps.

Two sheaves of flowers, one from the widower and the other from house servants, were lowered with the casket. Floral tributes were received from Ethel and the Scott family, Bushell Park, Enfield, Middlesex, England; Lennie and Winnie; Daw, Peggy and family; Malacca, Stralls Settlements; Miss E. Allen; Esther Reiton; Eva Davidson; Dorothy Lee; A. M. Elaine Matthews and Jacqueline; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ormiston; G. S. Parker; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawtack; Dr. H. F. Tai; Mr. Brown, Mrs. D. M. Richards; Mrs. Souza and Mrs. Basto; Miss D. Brackstone; Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Dunbar; Committee and Members, Hongkong Women's International Club; the Doctor, Matron, Sisters and Staff of the Matilda Hospital; St. John's Cathedral Women's Fellowship; the North Point Refugee Camp; the Director of Medical Services and Staff, and Mothers and Children of the North Point Government (Refugee) Camp, inscribed, "To the memory of a courageous woman who devoted herself to those in need," and several others.

LOCAL ANCHORAGE

Prohibited at West End

Orders published in the Government Gazette of January 30, 1941, regarding anchorage in the waters of the Colony, have now been revoked, and the following substituted:

"Anchorage is prohibited to all vessels within the following areas in the waters of the Colony:

"Commencing at the north-western point of Green Island and thence along the western limit of the Port of Victoria to the parallel of 22 degrees 18' north, thence in a direction 270 degrees for a distance of 2,000 yards, thence in a direction 180 degrees for a distance of 2,500 yards, thence in a direction 090 degrees to the western limit of the Port of Victoria, thence along that limit until it meets Green Island, thence along the western coast of Green Island to the point of commencement."

It is still highly uncertain just what will happen to United States trade with Indo-China as a result of the latest developments, but it is generally presumed here that Japan will take over the bulk of all valuable Indo-Chinese products, and insist on more or less exclusive enjoyment of markets there for its manufactured products.

Rubber was the only important commodity which the United States imported from Indo-China. In 1939 it received quantities worth \$9,267,000 out of a total of imports of \$9,596,000. The balance represented extremely small imports of spices, pux vomica and tin. All manganese, tin and iron ore in Indo-China went to Japan in 1939.

The 1940 rubber imports represented a fairly normal purchase. It was expected to be increased by two contracts for further rubber purchases signed by the U. S. Government under its policy of acquisition of reserve stocks of strategic raw materials. Figures are not available yet on the result in 1940 trade figures.

A Varied Market

Indo-China provided a varied market for the United States. Our total exports in 1939 amounted to \$9,220,000. The principal items were as follows:

Raw cotton \$1,057,000
Unfinished steel and iron 1,307,000
Refined copper 1,307,000
Motor trucks and buses 830,000
Passenger cars and parts 444,000
Tires and tubes 374,000

Whether American exports of anything will continue is uncertain. It is presumed that Japan might like to see exports of such things as unfinished steel and gasoline continue because they could be taken over by the Japanese occupying forces.

To Reduce Exports

But American policy, as yet unannounced, is expected to reduce exports of anything which would tend to strengthen the Japanese war power. What with Japan wanting raw materials and markets, the chances of much of this trade surviving are considered rather low.

Japan has long been much more important in Indo-Chinese trade than the United States. It took goods worth \$24,471,000 as compared to United States purchases of \$9,596,000. The total of all Indo-Chinese exports in 1939 was \$108,971,000. The only 1940 figures available show that total Indo-Chinese exports fell to \$89,925,000 and imports were \$46,040,000. There is no breakdown for different countries yet available for 1940.

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Americans Take To Iceland

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, July 21.—A United States naval officer who has been here a week is still somewhat flabbergasted at finding rivers of hot water and daylight around the clock in Iceland.

"It's not nearly as cold as the name (which in Danish actually means island) of the country suggests," he said. "Rivers of hot water astonished us at first but now we've got used to the idea of swimming in water warmer than the air."

A member of the United States occupying force, he summed up these impressions:

"Thanks to British co-operation and thoroughness in their preparations for us we are much more comfortable than we expected to be. "Stores are well stocked with American and British goods, but American magazines and soda fountains are conspicuously absent."

"Most of the people seem glad to see us and since a great many of them speak English it is not at all hard to transact business. English, American and Icelandic money circulate together in a cashier's night-mare."

"It's a very friendly country, I'm surprised the tourist industry and steamship lines haven't made more of it. The steep rugged mountains and fjords are unusually impressive."

(Although northernmost Iceland scrapes the Arctic Circle and about an eighth of it is covered by ice-fields, the island is built up chiefly of volcanic rocks and the rivers of hot water are explained by numerous hot springs).

APPOINTMENTS

A Government Gazette extraordinary announced the following appointments:

Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith to be Officer Administering the Government.
Mr. R. A. C. North to act as Colonial Secretary.
Mr. G. S. Kennedy Skipton to act as Secretary for Chinese Affairs.
Captain S. H. Batty-Smith to be Aldi-de-camp.

Mr. C. R. Lee to act as Private Secretary.
Mr. G. T. Rowe to act as Assistant Private Secretary.

Mr. G. T. Trevorton, who was Private Secretary to Sir Geoffrey Northcote, is on short leave and will continue in the post.
New Governor
It is understood that His Excellency Sir Mark Young, the new Governor of Hongkong, is expected to arrive in the Colony in the middle of the week.

Texas Head Office To Be Transferred

The head office of the Texas Company (China) Limited in Shanghai will be shifted to Singapore sometime this month.

The transfer will involve only part of the staff of the Company which will continue to operate in Shanghai for the sale of petrol and oil.

The transfer was ordered by the main office of the company in New York owing to the slump in business in Shanghai. Mr. LeFevre, the general manager of the Company in Shanghai, will be general manager of the new head office.

THE WAR FUND

The sale of Victory V's by Miss Naylor and the sale of Shanghai I.A.F. Association V's, augmented the Bomber Fund on Saturday morning, bringing the total to \$2,515,521.00. The list is as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pereira and family (monthly donation) \$ 8
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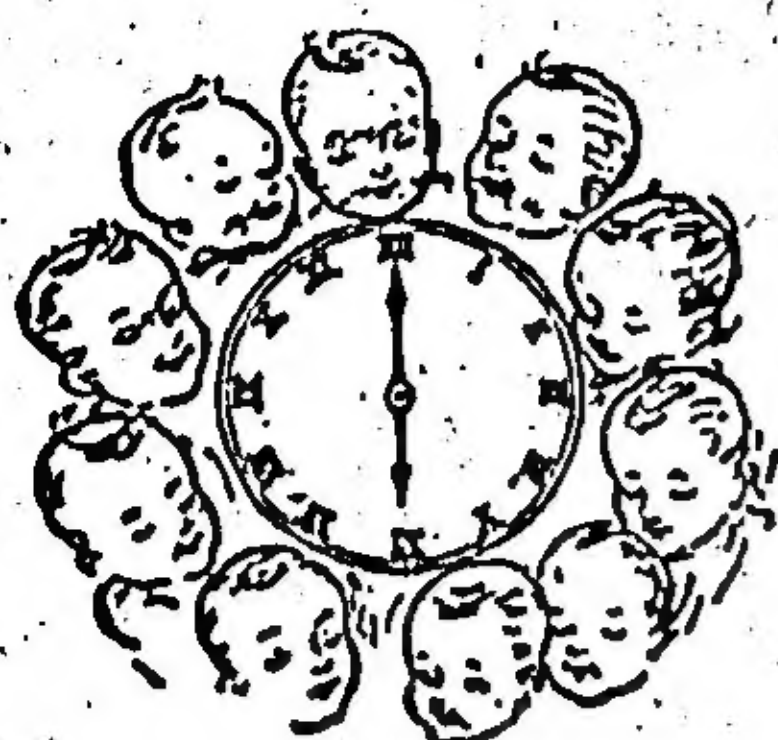
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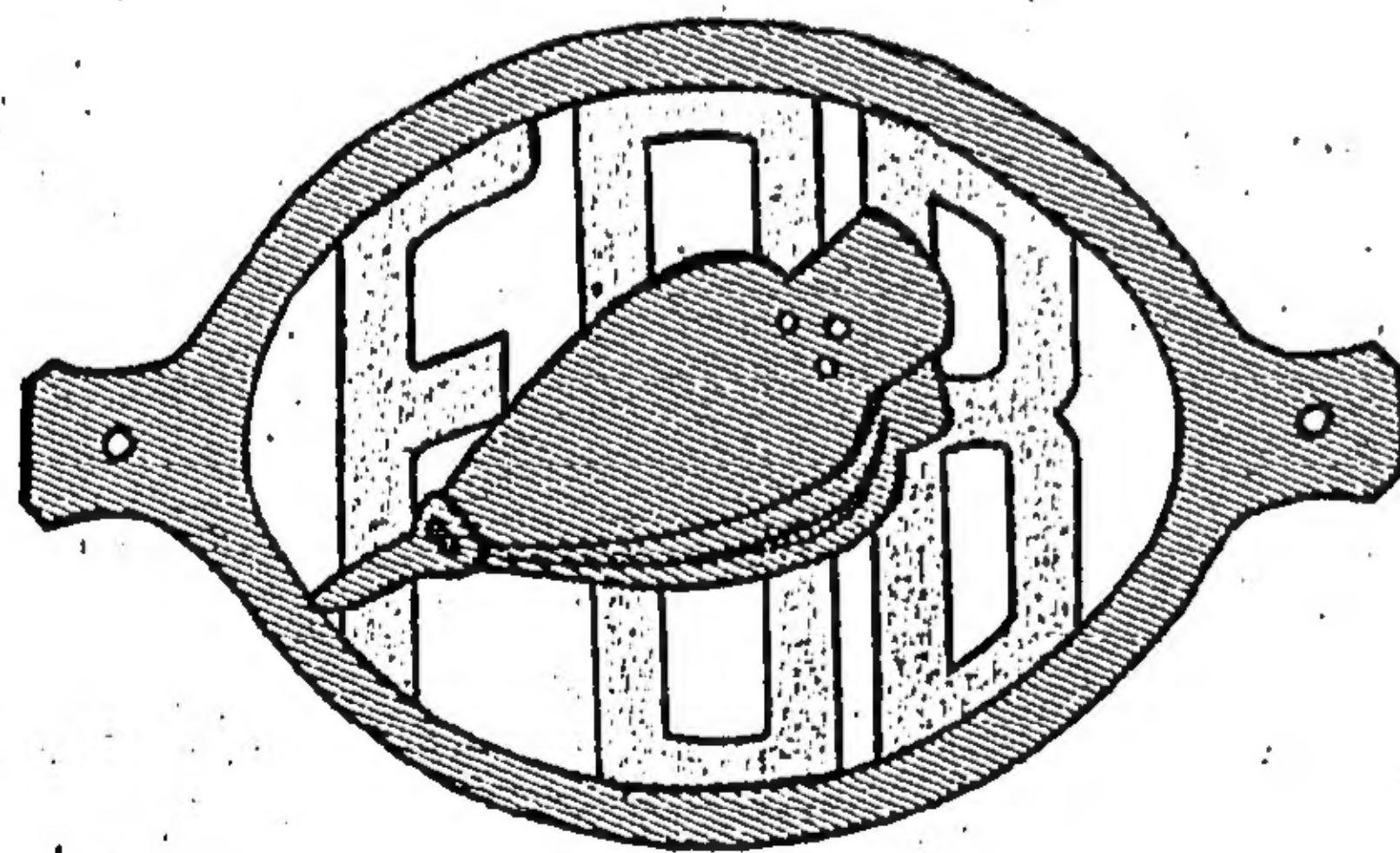
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MOMENTOUS DAYS AHEAD

THE third year of World War II opens in an atmosphere promising momentous happenings and decisions, the impact of which will be felt by almost every country in the universe. It opens with the democracies stronger materially and spiritually than they were a year ago and the Axis proportionately weaker; for each part of the world something of special significance is happening.

For America, it is the Greer incident and the possible repercussions therefrom; will it hasten the entry of the United States into the conflict, or will it serve only to make more energetic and determined America's material efforts to aid Britain and Russia?

For Britain, the third year opens with more and more men being called away from private work to active soldiering, their places to be filled by women; does this presage the long-awaited invasion of the Continent?

For Japan the crucial topic of the day is the likely outcome of the present negotiations between her and the United States which were initiated by the personal note from Prince Konoye to President Roosevelt. If best informed observers are correct in their analysis, the results of these negotiations may determine the prolonged existence or sudden death of the Konoye Cabinet.

For China, the start of the third year of the European war brings renewed encouragement to continue her magnificent fight against Japanese aggression, knowing full well that more and more assistance is forthcoming from the democracies to this end.

Hongkong's interests are bound up with those of the mother country and the rest of the Empire. But this war anniversary brings also with it a domestic pre-occupation. A Governor has just departed and a new administrator is arriving this week; he comes at an acute moment and his task is going to be no sinecure. Happily he can depend upon the fullest measure of support and encouragement from the community which, despite its concern over local problems which are having a big influence on

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IS JAPAN NOW DESPERATE?

BY H. O. THOMPSON

Japan for a decade has than dishonour, would be prepared to take if circumstances brought them to it.

The effect of that psychology on American policy became apparent when President Roosevelt said, "If we had cut the oil off they probably would have gone down to the Dutch East Indies a year ago and you would have had war."

The United States is better prepared to-day than she was a year ago to deal with aggressive actions by Japan. Japan undoubtedly knows that. But a constant consideration in dealing with Japan is Nippon's readiness to take on risks which if handled by a western diplomat, would send him reeling in to a golfing week-end to recover his shattered poise.

YOSHIZAWA'S VIEW

Further understanding of Japan's current actions can be obtained from a statement given to me by Kenkichi Yoshizawa, the man who this year conducted unsuccessful trade negotiations with the Netherlands East Indies at Batavia.

I talked with Mr Yoshizawa after the United States abrogated its commercial treaty with Japan in 1939 and before that abrogation became effective on January 26, 1940. There was talk in Tokyo at the time of a possible non-aggression treaty between Japan and the Soviet Union. I sounded out Mr Yoshizawa, a former Foreign Minister and one of Japan's top-ranking diplomats, on the subject.

"I feel sure that nothing of the kind is at present being considered by the Japanese Government," Mr Yoshizawa told me.

"Some people here are thinking that Japan, if driven into a corner by the Powers, including America, must take a firm stand, possibly meaning a political agreement with Russia or something along that line."

"Some elements favour desperate measures of that sort, but I'm sure the Government does not regard the present stage as needing any such desperate means. I'm sure we haven't reached any such desperate situation yet."

Accepting Mr Yoshizawa's definition of a desperate situation, Japan seems certainly to

Young Huns Taught To Be Brutal

Long before the Nazis publicly clamoured for the return of their colonies, bewildered German parents were asked to give their sons an education that would make them into "good colonial administrators."

Quite a number of German fathers and mothers who accepted this advice were not less surprised to hear that their sons were being trained to be toughs to an extent that was not even expected from a real Stormtrooper.

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This school for German colonial experts saw to it that its pupils should know all about the history of German colonial

activity. Yet no teacher told the boys that Hitler's historical idols, Frederick the Great, and Bismarck, had pronounced strongly against overseas possessions.

Nor did they reveal that Germany, at its peak as a colonial power, had imported from the colonies less than two-thirds percent of its total imports and that, when Germany finally entered the race for colonies, it picked only those which had strategic value and menaced French or British overseas possessions or communications.

Guided by Hitler's old friend, General Epp, who had aided and abetted the Nazis in their early Munich days, a shadow colonial organisation sprang up to take over one day where Germany left off when the Great War began.

This organisation left little doubt that the Nazis would return to the old German methods.

Men like General Trotha, the German boss of West Africa, became the new heroes. He was the man responsible for the Herero Massacre.

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Only 15,000 remained of 85,000 of these unfortunate people after the Germans had finished with them. "Make no prisoners," said Trotha. "Kill every one."

Now General von Epp, who has tried to revive this old spirit in young Nazis, to teach them new cruelties to exceed those employed against the Jews, comes out of the shadow as Nazi Germany's first Minister for Colonies.

He does not think merely of Germany's old colonies which Hitler once hoped to reconquer. The new Nazi Minister aims higher and farther: the whole of Africa, British, French, Belgian, South African possessions; in short, everything is to be Nazified.

Administrators are ready for every job. Colonial police and troops have undergone special training. The Gestapo will, according to Epp's plans, operate in the jungles, whence they derive their conception of law and order, anyway!—*from John Bull.*

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Unorthodox but Brilliant

THE Culbertson table of leads is a general guide that will be effective in the great majority of cases. As proof, however, that no table or rule can be devised that will be a player's thinking for him, I commend the following deal to my readers' attention:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
Match-point, duplicate.

♠ A 7	♥ A K 7	♦ A Q 5 4	♣ A 10 9 8 7
♠ K 6 2	♥ Q 5 4	♦ K 10 9 8 7	♣ K 8 6 5
♠ Q 5 4	♥ K J 10 9	♦ K 10 9 8 7	♣ K 8 6 5
♠ K J 10 9	♥ 7	♦ 7	♣ 7

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

In a twelve table duplicate game, every North-South pair reached the identical three no-trump contract, and probably by the same bidding sequence. Unbelievable as it may seem, eleven declarers brought home their contracts without having been called on for so much as a finesse. The twelfth was "fined to the queen's taste" by the opening lead.

At eleven tables, West chose the normal, orthodox lead of the club. East had to cover with the singleton queen, and in every case declarer ducked. Unable to return a club, East had to shift and it was the simplest possible matter for declarer to set the traps established before West could run the club suit. The unfortunate twelfth declarer saw a different card led originally,

To-morrow's Hand

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 7 4 3	♥ A 10	♦ A 10 9 8 7	♣ K 10 9 8
♠ A 10 9 8 7	♥ K 8 6 5	♦ K 8 6 5	♣ K 8 6 5
♠ K 10 9 8 7	♥ A 10 9 8 7	♦ A 10 9 8 7	♣ A 10 9 8 7
♠ A 10 9 8 7	♥ 7	♦ 7	♣ 7

How should this hand be bid?

Barelegged Women In St Peter's

BERNE, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It is learned from the Vatican City that shortage of women's stockings in Italy has caused a minor revolution in Catholic traditions.

To-day the Vatican authorities permitted women to enter St Peter's without stockings.

The decision, which was based on the almost complete lack of stockings in Italy except for women able to pay exorbitant prices, will probably be applied to all Italian churches.

Britons End Air Courses In America

Now Preparing For Advanced Training

LAKELAND, Fla., Aug. 16.—Two groups of Royal Air Force cadets, the first to complete primary flight training in this country, left to-day for Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala., to receive basic training.

A group of fifty-three was graduated at the Middle Aeronautical School at Arcadia last night. A group of twenty-five was graduated at the Lakeland School of Aeronautics to-day. Both groups merged for the trip to Alabama.

At the Lakeland ceremony the diploma were delivered by Governor Spessard L. Holland. Sharing in the graduation was Fred J. Elser of Astoria, L. I., whose training had been set back by a leg injury. At the request of the British cadets, Governor Holland handed the first diploma to the American.

Fight For Right

Addressing the British cadets, Governor Holland, who won the Distinguished Service Medal as an aviator in France in the last war, said:

"We think of you as eagles going out to fight for the right. There are some fliers over yonder who are vultures instead of eagles. They are brutal representatives of totalitarianism who have no regard for the human decencies.

"We are drawn closer to you. I remember how happy I was to return home after the war. It was a happy homecoming and wish every one of you a happy homecoming.

Group Captain D. V. Carnegie, director of British air training in the United States, spoke at the ceremonies in Arcadia and here.

St Leger Favourite Beaten By Head

MANCHESTER, Sept. 6 (Reuter).—A record crowd, including hundreds of Lancashire war workers snatching a brief respite from their labour, to-day saw Sun Castle win the St Leger, the last of the classic races of the season, beating Chateau La Rose by a head in a thrilling finish.

Sun Castle is owned by Lord Portal, who has an important job in the Ministry of Supply. The owner of Chateau La Rose is Mr. Harry Morris, Shanghai business man.

Lord Glanville's Dancing Time, the only filly in the race, finished third, one length behind.

Devonian was clear of the field at the half-mile post, but Mazarin took the lead on entering the straight. Mazarin also led command two furlongs from home, then Chateau La Rose went to the front just below the distance but was immediately challenged by Sun Castle and Dancing Time in a great battle with Sun Castle just forging ahead.

Sun Castle covered the mile and six furlongs course in 3 mins 4 2/5 seconds. Mazarin had every chance when he took the lead, entering the straight but failed to stay the pace which was increased in the last furlong.

Huts For Winter Campaign

ANKARA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Finnish, Hungarian and Rumanian war raids are busy producing thousands of standardised wooden huts which the Germans have ordered for use in Russia during the winter. The need for these huts is demonstrated in the film of the Russian war which the German Embassy recently showed to Turkish journalists who are amazed by the fact that they saw not a single hut standing throughout the film. The huts are being made without windows with an air space between the inner and the outer walls in order to keep out the intense cold.

Call To Jews

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz is issuing a call to all Jewish communities throughout the British Empire to join in a "week of re-dedication" in a period culminating in a day of atonement.

The week will be inaugurated by broadcast addresses on September 21 and 22.

Japanese Silence On Oil Tankers

SHANGHAI, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The arrival of two American tankers at Wanchow with oil for Russia has not so far been reported in any Japanese newspaper as the result of action taken by Japanese censorship, according to foreign reports reaching Shanghai.



RUSSIANS GO TO WAR—This is one of the first pictures sent by radio from Moscow to New York, a distance of 4,750 miles, as a radiophoto transmission test. It shows a Soviet motor cycle squad moving up to the front.

Gracie Fields Back In England And Hearts Of Her Countrymen

LONDON, July 16.—Gracie Fields, who six months ago was regarded critically hereabouts, is back in Britain and the hearts of her countrymen.

Gracie's songs have cheered soldiers of two wars, but she was criticised in the press and the House of Commons during the last year because she remained in North America.

Patriotism And Football Being Made To Combine

An inquiry into the status of representatives of clubs affiliated to the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, via a visit to their relationship with the Chungking Government, will soon be conducted, as the result of a resolution passed at the monthly meeting of the Federation last week.

It was learned from Mr. Mok Hing, the President, yesterday that the matter was first brought up by a representative of the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents' Union, who proposed two rules.

One of which was to the effect that any club which is a member of the federation should lose its membership status if its registration has either been cancelled or refused by the Chungking Government. The other rule was that any representative of a club affiliated to the Federation whose actions have been found contrary to the interests of the Chungking Government or who has been censured or disapproved by that Government should lose its representative status in the Federation.

These rules were passed on the first reading, but when they came up for their second reading one member commented, in regard to the first one, that, while he was entirely in favour of it, he would like to have the wording made clearer.

The views of this member, according to Mr. Mok, were that the majority of the clubs who are members of the Federation were not registered with the Chungking Government. Besides, there was nothing in the rules to compel a club to register and therefore it would be impossible to carry the proposed resolution, as it was worded, into effect.

Heated Discussion

A heated discussion, said Mr. Mok, then followed during which it was suggested that the proposal be reworded into the minutes instead of being passed as a rule. The representative of the Residents' Union, however, insisted, said Mr. Mok, on his proposal being passed as it stood, and his proposal being passed by 11 of the 30 representatives present, but the rules of the Federation required a two-thirds majority and therefore the Residents' Union resigned from the Federation as a result of this disagreement. Mr. Mok emphasised that practically all the members were in favour of the idea behind the proposal and that the only disagreement was as to the way in which it was worded.

The Federation later held another meeting at which it was agreed to amend the wording of the proposal, and to effect that any club found acting contrary to the interests of the Chungking Government or which has been declared by the Government to be so doing, or whose registration has either been cancelled or refused by the Government, should lose its membership status in the Federation. This proposal was passed.

Inquiry

In regard to the second proposal of the Residents' Union, which was also adopted, Mr. Mok said that a representative of the Eastern Athletic Association suggested that an inquiry be held into the status of each representative in the Federation vis-a-vis their relationships with the Chungking Government. This suggestion was approved and the Federation has appointed a special committee, comprising one member from each affiliated club, to conduct the inquiry.

It was learned that the Federation has on its membership list 31 clubs, each of which is entitled to have five representatives on the council.

Mackenzie King In London

OTTAWA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Minister, arrived in Montreal from London to-day.

When he alighted from a transport plane of the R.A.F. Ferry Command, he was greeted by Mr. E. Lapointe, Minister of Justice, and Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions.

Belgian Children Spend Summer In Swiss Mountains

BRUSSELS—Hundreds of Belgian boys and girls have been travelling from Brussels to Switzerland to enjoy three months in the Swiss mountains at the expense of Swiss families.

This charitable project has been carried out by the Swiss Organisation for Helping Child Victims of the War. The intention is to give the young guests good plain wholesome food and an outdoor life under the most attractive conditions. Children selected are mainly those of soldiers who have been killed, wounded, or taken prisoner in the war.

Netherlanders, too, are taking an interest in Belgian children. Last year Dutch people of the town of Breda, who had taken temporary refuge in Belgium during the German invasion and had received liberal food and shelter at Antwerp, showed their gratitude by offering to receive several hundred poor children from Antwerp and entertain them during the months of June, July and August.

Arrangements were made with the Department of the Interior at The Hague to increase the rations for those families, which had young Belgian guests staying with them.

U.S. Gasoline Goes To Dakar

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Mr. Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, disclosed to-day that, under a special arrangement, a French tanker had loaded 2,000 tons of American gasoline at Dakar, French West Africa.

The gasoline is for civilian use, was loaded with the full approval of the British, and its distribution will be supervised by an American control officer.

Mr. Welles emphasized that the arrangement was for one shipment only, and that the agreement between the United States and France for resumption of trade with French North Africa had not been extended to include Dakar.

The tanker was the Scheherazade which was seized by the British in May and held at Bermuda until the new agreement covering shipments to Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia had been worked out.

Nazis Said Building Sub Bases in Canary Islands

Joe Congress, on WBYN recently relayed an eye-witness report of Nazi war preparations on Spain's Canary Islands—where Nazi bases could be just as great a threat to U.S. security as Nazi bases on Iceland.

Mr. Congress quoted a person recently returned from the islands, which are just off the coast of Morocco.

"This eyewitness states," he said, "that Spanish troops, under German direction, are rushing construction of fortifications in the Canary Islands. These fortifications include placing of eight-inch gun batteries at strategic points along the coastlines of the islands and an elaborate system of trenches and breastworks. The work has been intensified since President Roosevelt's speech in which he referred to America's Atlantic outposts.

"The major construction is going on on the islands of Grand Canary and Tenerife. Large sections of the coast have been declared defense areas and the local population is forbidden to visit them. On Tenerife, where the authorities describe as a 'fish packing' factory is being rushed to completion.

"This island is believed by the Spaniards in the Canary Islands to be used as a German and Italian submarine refueling base. Since entrance to the district where the construction is proceeding is barred to this public, the new building is believed to be installations for a major submarine base."

Shipping Menaced

Mr. Congress said that the Spanish garrison numbered about 5,000, and that reinforcements were expected. The importance of this news, he pointed out, was that U-boats stationed on the Canary Islands would menace American shipping to the British Middle East. American ships are now reported arriving at the rate of one a day.

Foochow Is Returning To Normalcy

FOOCHOW, Sept. 7 (Central News).—Conditions in Foochow are gradually returning to normal. With the rehabilitation of the city under way, former residents are returning in large numbers.

To relieve the acute shortage of food the Fukien Provincial Food Bureau has sent here a considerable quantity of rice, for distribution among the refugees. The price of the staple is now quoted at \$160 per picul; at the time of the fall of the city it rose to as high as over \$1,000 per picul.

Communication on the Min River was restored yesterday when a ship left here down river amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. Thousands of persons lined the banks and cheered the departing vessel and fire-crackers were let off.

Nazi-Turkish Trade Talks

Delegation To Ankara

ISTANBUL, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Dr. Clodius the German trade negotiator, has now arrived here by air at the head of a large delegation including nine economic experts. They are proceeding to-morrow to Ankara where talks will take place. The Turkish delegates will be headed by M. Kishmir, Counselor of the Ministry of Commerce.

It is believed that the new agreement envisages transactions valued at about £20,000,000 based on the barter system. In view of defects in the means of transport and the difficulties of communications by land and sea it is considered that the Germans will be unable to derive all the advantages hoped for from the agreement.

Japanese Withdraw From Syria

BEIRUT, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Japanese Consulate-General here, which has jurisdiction over Syria, Lebanon and Palestine, will close on Monday owing to the existing circumstances.

The Consul General, Mr. Saito, and the Vice-Consul are leaving Beirut. Other Japanese officials and civilians have already left for Japan.

Catrox Consultations

DAMASCUS, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Free French leader, General Georges Catroux, has proceeded to Aleppo for consultations with leading personalities concerning Syria's future.

Enemy Escort Ship Blows Up

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—An escort vessel was blown up and a supply ship was set on fire off the Dutch coast to-day, according to an Air Ministry communique.

The communique states: "Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked an enemy supply ship and an escort vessel off the Dutch coast early this afternoon. The escort vessel was hit and blew up and the supply ship was set on fire."

"An enemy fighter was destroyed by our escorting fighters. Our fighters also carried out several offensive sweeps over Northern France in the course of which we destroyed a second enemy fighter. In these operations we lost two Blenheims and two fighters."

New Incidents In Paris

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Swiss radio under the title of "New Incidents in Paris" reports a fire alleged to have been started maliciously in the garage of the 16th Arrondissement of Paris which was requisitioned by the Germans. Firemen extinguished the fire.

Investigators found in the garage bombs which had not exploded. In the Eiffel Tower quarter revolver shots were fired at a German soldier who was slightly wounded.

In the Bourse district a German civilian was ill-treated, the Swiss radio adds.

MEN OF SCIENCE IN WORLD OF TO-MORROW

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Representatives of Britain and the Empire, the United States, Soviet Russia and China will meet at a three-day scientific conference in London on September 26-28 "to demonstrate the common purpose of men of science in ensuring a post-war order in which the maximum benefits of science can be secured for all people."

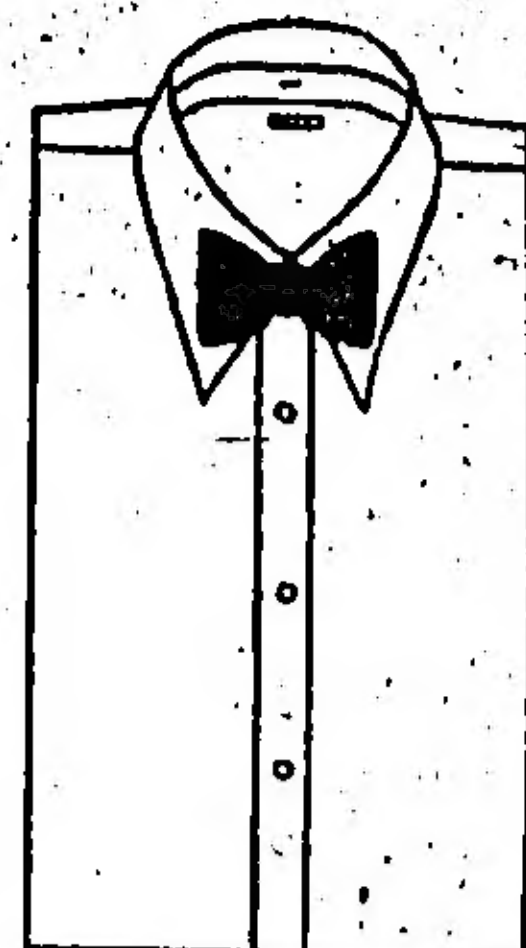
Mr. John Winant, M. Malecky, and Dr. Wellington Koo are the American, Russian and Chinese Ambassadors who will preside at some of the sessions.

Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France will also be represented, and called scientists from Germany, and Austria will probably also be present.

Ex-President Dead

HAVANA, Sept. 7 (UP).—The former President of Cuba, Senator Mario Garcia Menocal, 78, died here to-day.

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Charity Matches To Herald Soccer Season

South China Anticipate
Another Good Year

New Players For Sing Tao:
Police Ranks Strengthened

(By "SCRAMBLER")

ALTHOUGH the official soccer season opens on September 27, a series of Charity games will be staged in between now and the opening date in aid of local and war charities. Most teams in the Senior league have been preparing hard for the winter campaign, and the Chinese teams in particular are in fine fettle due to their tours during the off season.

Rivalry and competition this forthcoming season will be keener than ever, with the Chinese teams going all out for supremacy. The civilians' Clubs do not appear to be in any state to offer a challenge, although from the Services, a good deal is expected.

So far, with the exception of Sing Tao, none of the Chinese teams have any new blood to add to their already imposing line-ups and South China are looking forward to another very promising season. They will have the nucleus of last year's players, although Lee Kwok-wai has thrown in his lot with Kwong Wah. But with the experience gained by their junior players in their last tour of Malaya, South China can now call on their services for senior. Lee-chuen, who was previously stated to constitute a threat to any team aspiring to the Championship, Sing Tao have somewhat remedied several defects in their last year's team, particularly in the attack, where the services of Chan Lay-chuen, have been secured to lead. This player comes from Malaya with a big reputation, and with Man Yee-leung of Shaohai taking over the duties of a pivot, it is presumed that they will offer sterner opposition to other teams in the league.

Eastern Handicapped

EASTERN will be starting with a big handicap, in that their reliable centre-half, Hui King-sing, will be unable to turn out for the first few games owing to a knee injury sustained in his tour with the South China team in Malaya. Apart from this, though, they can once again call on most of last year's players, and with Chang Kam-ho having developed into a veritable half back, they should have no qualms as regards the vacancy left by Hui.

All in all, they, too, expect to be at the top of the league this season.

KWONG WAH should be much better this season, with the inclusion of Lee Kwok-wai and several other first class players. Last year inconsistency was responsible for their bad showing, but with Cheuk Shek-kam, Chan Chi-fai and others still available, they should be able to put up a much better showing.

Civilian Clubs

Of the other civilian Clubs, Police appears to be in a better position, for, besides having the call on most of last year's players several

Kwong Wah And Police Prepare For New Season

Saturday's Friendly Game

POLICE and Kwong Wah footballers made preparation for the coming season with a friendly game at Boundary Street on Saturday, the latter winning 7-2 after leading 3-2 at the interval. Kwong Wah developed a better understanding, and though Police defence was stubborn their forwards were unable to make any great impression. It was in view of the staunch Police rear-guard that Kwong Wah supporters were specially jubilant over their win. There was a general promise of greater things to come.

Police made changes in their team for the second period, but they had little effect on the lively Chinese forwards, who went through on several occasions and netted four times. Scorers were: Police—Coul and Lau Pak-hing; Kwong Wah—Tin Yung-fat (3), Wong King-chung (2), Chiu Chik-fan and Chin Yung-fat.

Others like Aitken, Coul, McHardy will be available.

On account of their various duties, they have been unable to put in much practice, but now that most of their players are stationed over here, it is probable that they will be able to remedy this defect. Blackett will have once again Chan Kwong-yu as his partner, and the intermediate trio of Parker, Gough and North will stand them in good stead, with Pope as a general utility man. It is expected that they will give any team a good run for points this coming season.

CLUB will depend on their last year's stalwarts. Rowe, a newcomer, is reported to be a good find, and with S. Strange, Eardley, Millington, and Sloan available, they will be able to put up a good show. In the intermediate line, it is quite probable that Fortey will occupy the key post with Skinner and the youthful Odell assisting him. That thrustful forward, Fowler, will once again lead them with E. Strange coming up to assist him. Blackford should be fit by then, and his presence on the extreme left should be felt by more than one team in the senior circuit.

Kowloon and Saints

SO far, the make-up of Kowloon and St. Joseph's is unavailable, but it is presumed that they will have most of last season's players. Williamson will no doubt be the key man in Kowloon's team, and should be able to muster a fairly strong eleven. St. Joseph's College will be making use of some of the junior players, and with Tsang, and several Army players at their call, should once again be able to provide their share of competition.

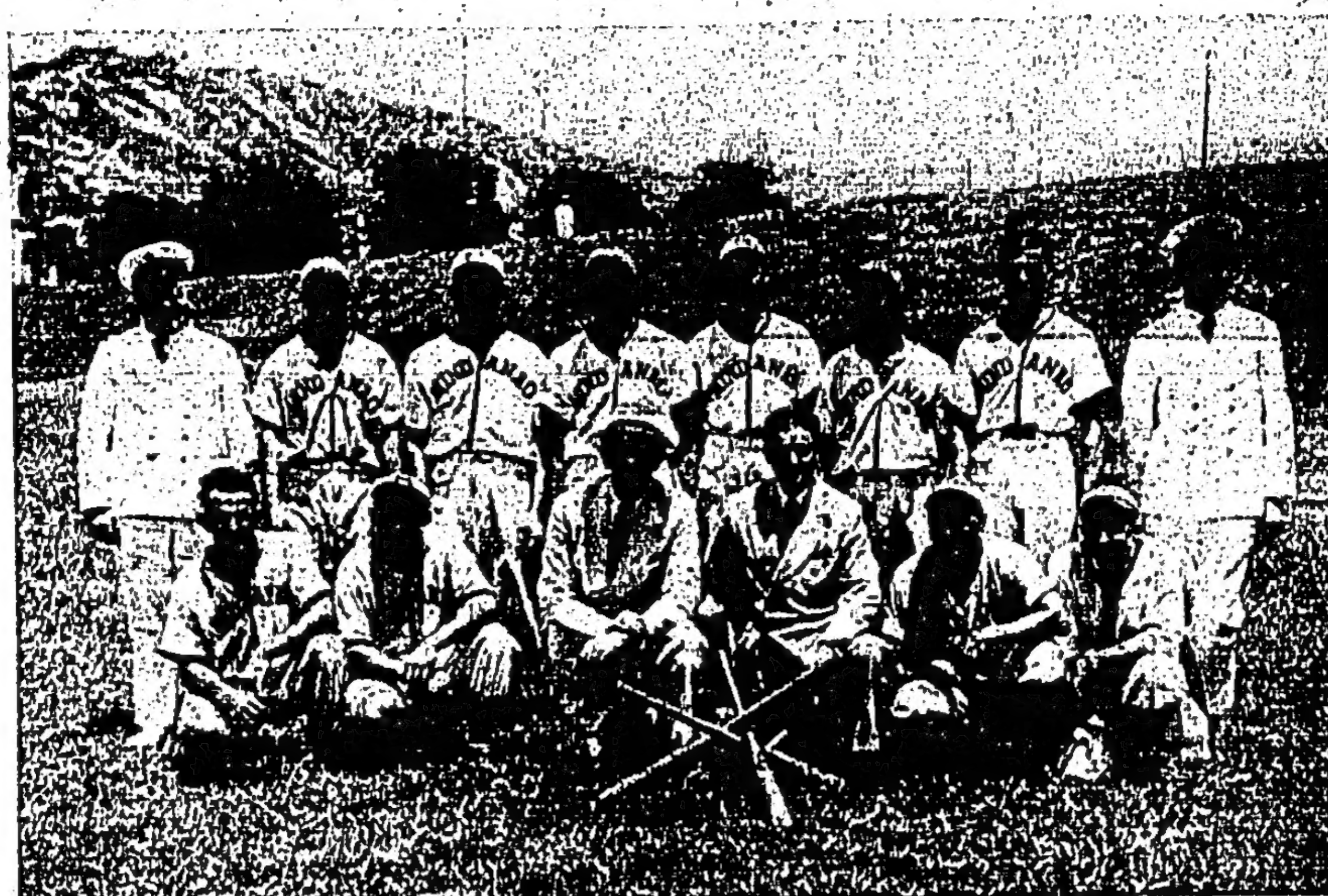
THE ARMY teams have been practicing very assiduously of late and much is expected from the newly promoted Royal Engineers, For. Pelham, Birrell, Shaw, Lee Wai-lum, and most of last season's players will be again donning the Sappers' colours, and with a little more practice, should be able to make their presence felt in the Senior league.

ROYAL SCOTS will be going, all out this season. Bankier will be once again be between the sticks, with Fraser, that "evergreen", in front of him, Paraby, Clarke and Macdonald will also be on hand for the intermediate line, and Hosack is fast developing into a fast winger. And will once again lead their attack.

MIDDLESEX will turn out with practically the same team, with Bright, Thomas and Sheehan in defence, and Saw in the attack.

NAVY, the unknowns, will have Hendy, Barber, Le Fage, and most of last year's players, and may yet prove to be the "dark horse" of the year.

1941 Charity Cup Winners



The United States Navy, winners of the Charity Cup Series over the week-end, posing over the Hongkong All-Stars 3-2 in the five-game series.—Ming Yuen.

Charity Cup Series Won By U.S. Navy Hongkong Stars Nosed Out

BRILLIANT last minute victories in two week-end games put the Hongkong Charity Series Cup in the lap of the U.S. Navy. Topping Saturday's 9-3 win, which put them on level terms with Hongkong's All-Stars, the Navy boys came through yesterday 5-4 to tie up the series in a flashing climax to the season.

Quarter- And Semi-final Matches

U.S. National Tennis

FOREST HILLS, Sept. 6 (Reuter).—After being held up for a day because of rain, the American Tennis singles championships continued to-day with quarter-final victories for Miss Helen Jacobs and Bobby Riggs, while Fred Schroeder also reached the semi-final where he will meet Rigg.

Miss Jacobs was hard pressed in her match against Miss Dorothy Bundy, winning 6-3 and 11-9. If Miss Bundy had not netted 20 times she might have overthrown the former champion. She threw her racket at the end of the match.

Riggs Wins National Tennis Title

FOREST HILLS, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Bobby Riggs won the U.S. National Tennis Singles Championship to-day beating Frankie Kovacs 5-7, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.

Kovacs went completely to pieces at the beginning of the second set and never regained form in the face of a determined and methodical Riggs, who became staidly minute by minute, and who did not lose a service game once in the last three sets.

In the five times that he served in the last set, Riggs conceded only two points.

It was one of the most one-sided finals in the history of the tournament.

Riggs beat the Davis Cup player, Frankie Parker, 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, while Schroeder, who is part holder of the American doubles title, beat Bryan Grant, 6-8, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3. Brugnon, former French Davis Cup star, entered the semifinal of the veterans singles.—Reuter.

Semi-Finals

FOREST HILLS, Sept. 7 (UP).—Mrs Sarah Paley Cooke beat Miss Helen Jacobs, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1, in the semi-final of the women's singles. Mrs Cooke will meet in the final Miss Pauline Betz, who defeated Miss Margaret Osborne, 6-9, 6-3.

In the men's semi-final, Bobby Riggs beat Schroeder, 6-4, 6-4, 1-6, 9-11, 7-5.—United Press.

Joe Louis In Training For Bout With Nova

NEW YORK, Sept. 6 (Reuter).—Joe Louis is going to Greenwood Lake to prepare for his heavy-weight championship defence against the challenge of Lou Nova, who has already started training at New Jersey. The man officially signed for a match on September 22 after a physical examination had pronounced both satisfactory. They were originally due to meet on September 19, but Louis asked for more time for training, and the fight will now be held at the Polo Ground instead of the Yankee Stadium.

Powlawski, the powerful pitching ace of the Mighty "M", was the hero of the hour, though an equal share to glory can be made by Muddy Ruel, the crooning baseballer, who, in the sixth inning of yesterday's game with bases loaded and two away, clouted a double that drove in two to tie the game.

Yesterday's scoring was:
Hongkong AB R H PO A E
Lum 3 1 0 1 0 0 0
Chan 1b 3 1 0 1 0 0 0
Lum 2 3 1 0 1 0 0
Chan 2 3 1 0 1 0 0
Ching 3 1 0 1 0 0 0
Ching 2 1 0 1 0 0 0
Lum 1 1 0 1 0 0 0
Ching 1 1 0 1 0 0 0
Runs 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Errors 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 24 12 12 11 0

(*) pinch hit for Ma in 7th.
U.S. Navy AB R H PO A E
Wilson 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Powlawski 2 0 0 0 0 0 0
Ruel 3 1 0 1 0 0 0
Macavoge 3 1 0 1 0 0 0
Moore 3 1 0 1 0 0 0
Wilson 1b 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Gronck 2 1 0 1 0 0 0
Bowersox 3b 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Kennard rf 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Rogers cf 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

Runs 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Errors 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Runs batted in—Ruel 2, Moore, 2 and Ching 2.
Stolen bases—E. Wilson, Bowersox, Choy, Lum 2, M. Chan and Loong.
Double plays—Bowersox, Rogers, Lum, H. Chan and Loong.
Two-base hits—H. Chan, Moore and Powlawski.
Struck out—by Powlawski 4 (M. Chan, H. Chan and Lum 2); Ching 2 (Macavoge and Choy); Ching 2 (Moore and Kennard).
Bases on balls—off Powlawski 4 (Lau and Choy); Ching 2 (Moore and Kennard).
Runs earned—off Powlawski 4, Ching 2.
Passed balls—Lau.
Double play—Ruel unassisted; and Choy to H. Chan to Lum.
Hit by pitcher—by Ching; Powlawski.
Stranded—Hongkong 9, United States Navy 5.
First on errors—Hongkong 4, United States Navy 1.
Umpires—Molthen, Hearther, Lau and Walker.
Scorer—W. A. Smith.

Saturday's Fray

SATURDAY'S frays went to eleven frames. The scores decided at 4-all at the end of the 7th, then three runs each in the 8th, 9th and 10th, and the thrilling climax in the 11th when, after Hongkong had notched one, the U.S. Navy stars came across the home plate twice to sew up the game.

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Kennard rf 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Rogers cf 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

Macao Water-Polo Team Entertained At Laichikok

FEATURE of the week-end swimming events was the appearance of a Macao water-polo team at the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents' Union gala at Laichikok yesterday, and the result of two matches was all square.

The local team won the first game 4-1 after leading 1-0 at half time, while the visitors turned tables in the second and won 3-1 after being led 1-0 at the interval.

Prices, which were donated by Mrs Liu Bing-chuen and Miss Lee Ngor-wah, were distributed by Mrs Liu at the conclusion of the gala.

Results

Results were: Men's 50 metres free-style (for non-prize winners).—1, Tang Cheuk-wah; 2, Ng Shing; 3, Chu Yiu-fai.
Men's 400 metres free-style.—Tai Yuk-mong; 2, Mak Chun-nam; 3, Chan Chiu-cheung. Time—5 mins 53 secs.
Men's 50 metres free-style (middle class).—1, Tin Yung-fat; 2, Chan Zuk-fu; 3, Ho Po-pui. Time—63 secs.
Men's 50 metres (use of hands prohibited).—1, Tai Yuk-mong; 2, Mak Kwok-hing; 3, Chan Chiu-cheung.
Boys' 100 metres handicap.—1, Shum Ho; 2, Tse Kai-chi; 3, Tse Kai-chow.
Mixed 200 metres relay.—1, Miss Ng Po-hing, Mak Kwok-hung, Tong Chung-ming and Tai Hung; 2, Miss Shum Put, Lo Wing-tim, Tai Yuk-mong and Chu Chiu-yau; 3, Miss Shum Wai-yung, Chan Chiu-cheung, Yeung Kai-chung and Mak Chun-nam. Time—2 mins 10 secs.
Residents' Union Water-Polo Team "A"—Wong Cheung, Yeung Kai-wah, Wong Au-shan, Chu Chiu-yau, Trui Hang and Yeung Man-kit.
Macao "A"—Pan Wah-kun, Ng Kai-hung, Leung Wing-kwan, Lai Yin-chun, Choi Chan-lai and Chan Kung-ping.

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In celebration of their success in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League, Craigen-gower Cricket Club will hold a dinner, followed by a concert, on Wednesday Sept. 17. The "Cosmopolitans" will entertain at the concert.

son, Gronck, Lum, Chung 2, Ching, M. Chan 2 and Lau.
Sacrifices—E. Wilson, Lum and Ching.
Two-base hits—Chung 2, Macavoge and M. Chan.
Hearther (Powlawski and Gronck) Ching 4 (H. Wilson 2, Bowersox and Moore).
Bases on balls—off Powlawski 4 (Ching and Choy); Hearther 3 (Moore and Powlawski); Ching 1 (Bowersox).
Runs earned—off Powlawski 4, Hearther 1, Ching 2.
Passed balls—Lau 3.
Hit by pitcher—by Powlawski; Chung and H. Chan.
First on errors—Hongkong 4, United States Navy 1.
Umpires—Molthen, Waggoner and Walker.
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TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Economic War Came As U.S. PUBLIC OPINION ON THE WAR Can Readily Turn To Action

TOKYO, July 26.—Within a few hours after President Roosevelt's order freezing Japanese assets and credits in the United States was announced, the Japanese Government retaliated by freezing the assets and credits of American and Philippine nationals and corporations within the Japanese Empire. The government was in consultation with the Manchukuoan and Nanking regimes to extend the freezing operation in their territories as well, writes Otto D. Tolischus in the "New York Times."

Therewith, in the view of Japanese official quarters, business circles and the press, have begun an open economic war between the United States and the British Empire on the one hand and the Japanese Empire and the areas it controls on the other hand. It is expected to wither whatever international trade remains and in the words of the ultranationalist Nichi Nichi is but "one step from armed warfare."

It was obvious that not only to the uninformed Japanese public but even to otherwise well-informed business quarters the various developments of the day came as a profound shock.

In point of fact there were indications that President Roosevelt's swift action had surprised even the government, which, though it had taken some precautionary measures to meet the consequences of its move on French Indo-China, had been rather hopefully relying on former Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka's past assurances of America's passivity and on the influence of American isolationists. These latter have been commanding considerable attention in the Japanese press.

No Further Aggravation

At the same time perhaps the most notable feature of the situation is that, except for some alarming newspaper statements, there is no desire in any Japanese quarters to aggravate the situation any further. Business circles even express the hope that the American decrees may leave some loopholes for a modicum of trade on a cash basis.

In respect to its advance into French Indo-China, the government, both in its official announcement and in a radio broadcast by Dr. Nobunmi, president of the Information Board, who is sometimes referred to as the "Japanese Goebbels," has emphasized that Japan was acting in "self-defence" and in perfect agreement with the Vichy government.

The official announcement stressed France's consistent friendly cooperation.

tion with Japan and the long-standing friendly relations between Japan and French Indo-China, antedating Japan's century-long self-isolation. It asserted, however, that new developments in Europe and East Asia were threatening the security of French Indo-China, which in self-defence neither Japan nor France could overlook.

Negotiations Called Friendly

For that reason, the announcement continued, Japan opened up negotiations with Vichy, which, it said, progressed smoothly in a friendly atmosphere and led to the conclusion on July 21 of a joint defence agreement for Indo-China, the exact nature of which was not specified.

"Japan and France," the announcement says, "thus have been ushered into more intimate relations with each other, with French Indo-China serving as their connecting link. Needless to say, it will greatly contribute toward the stabilization of co-existence and co-prosperity in Greater East Asia."

"It scarcely needs reiteration that the Japanese Government intends strictly to observe the various existing agreements between Japan and France concerning French Indo-China and to respect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of French Indo-China and Japan will put forth an increasing effort to promote friendly relations between Japan and France, thereby realizing the common prosperity of the two countries."

In line with this announcement Dr. Itō repeated the constant complaint of all Japanese quarters, that "the United States Government fails to understand Japan's real intentions."

No Direct Charges

Government quarters have been careful to refrain from any direct charges against either the United States or Britain. The press, however, asserts that French Indo-China was threatened with the fate of Syria because of British measures, and a large de Gaulle element in Saigon as well as concentrations of Chungking troops on the north.

In the view of some seasoned observers here the Japanese advance into French Indo-China might in fact be more a flanking move to cut off the last communications of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the "last big push" advocated by Major Gen. Shunroku Hata, Japanese Commander in Chief in China, to "settle the China incident," which is still Japan's primary concern rather than another step in Japan's southward advance.

But the government radio suggested today that Britain might undertake the "military oppression" of Thailand as a counter measure to the Japanese step. This suggestion holds ominous possibilities.

Effects of Order

As regards the American and British freezing order, it is generally admitted here that it is bound to have a crippling effect on Japan's trade, not only with the United States and the British Empire but also with South America. It will necessitate a drastic readjustment and more cash payments, even within the "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere," where balances still have been settled in New York in dollars. But Finance Minister Masatsune Ogura, in a reassuring statement to the press, declared that Japan's American balances were small and that American-Japanese trade had been diminishing, so the effect of President Roosevelt's measure would be "comparatively slight."

The press, quoting financial quarters, insisted, in fact, that the United States was bound to lose more than Japan because American assets in Japan were large—although most of them are already frozen through foreign exchange control. Moreover, Japanese financial quarters assert that Japan has already fortified herself against such a blow by various measures such as foreign exchange control laws, concentration of dollar and pound exchange in the Yokohama Specie Bank and the forward exchange contract system.

Hope for Exceptions
Nevertheless commercial circles are anxiously awaiting details of the American and British orders in the

hope that exceptions might be permitted. At least, it is pointed out, the Anglo-Japanese commerce and navigation treaty remains effective for one year and the trade treaties with India and Burma for six months.

At the same time, both official quarters and the press emphatically assert that President Roosevelt's step can never affect Japan's policies, which remain "unchangeable, immutable and immovable." In fact, they declare, such steps can only strengthen Japan's determination to create an East Asiatic self-sufficiency sphere.

The Japanese freezing order provides in addition to the previous foreign exchange control regulations that foreign nationals affected by the new order as well as persons dealing with them, must obtain the approval of the Finance Ministry for virtually all transactions, including the acquisition and disposal of movable and immovable property, real rights, credits, loan, deposit and trust fund securities, offset of credits and debts, guarantee and acceptance of debts, consumer loans and deposits, and Japanese currency exceeding 500 yen monthly. Payments of taxes and salaries of Japanese employers are exempted.

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Mr. Allan Chapman, Assistant Postmaster General, in reply to a question, told the House of Commons recently that the P.M.G. would shortly issue a light weight air letter card for use in writing to British prisoners of war. By this means it would be possible to reduce the air mail fee.

"United Press" Correspondent Virgil Pinkley, who has just completed a tour of 38 states in the United States, travelling 52,000 miles in four months, hereby reports on his observations regarding American public opinion with reference to the war.

By VIRGIL PINKLEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (UP).—United States public opinion about the war has undergone great changes during the past 15 months.

A momentous national debate continues about the policies which should be adopted to prepare for whatever the future brings, but there is one point on which a near 100 per cent. unity is apparent. It is to build up a defence establishment at whatever cost. That is saying considerable when individual taxes have doubled or even tripled.

More people have discarded the idea that the second world war is just another far away conflict and are studying its developments carefully as something which directly affects them. They still talk about the muddled world situation.

On the eastern seaboard and in the deep south, a much greater proportion of people believe the war would inevitably involve the United States than in the traditionally isolated midwest. The southerners have been Anglophile ever since the civil war.

On the Pacific coast, main attention is riveted on the Pacific because people there feel that Japanese ambitions are a distinct threat to the United States. However, a good many west coast businessmen and industrialists express the belief that an Axis victory in Europe would bring on a vicious economic struggle for both Oriental and South American markets.

Germans Suspected

In the eastern part of the United States, many persons have expressed the belief that Germany has designs on the American continent. They base this expression on the conquest of the Low Countries and the Balkans, the entry into north Africa and the attack on Russia. They add

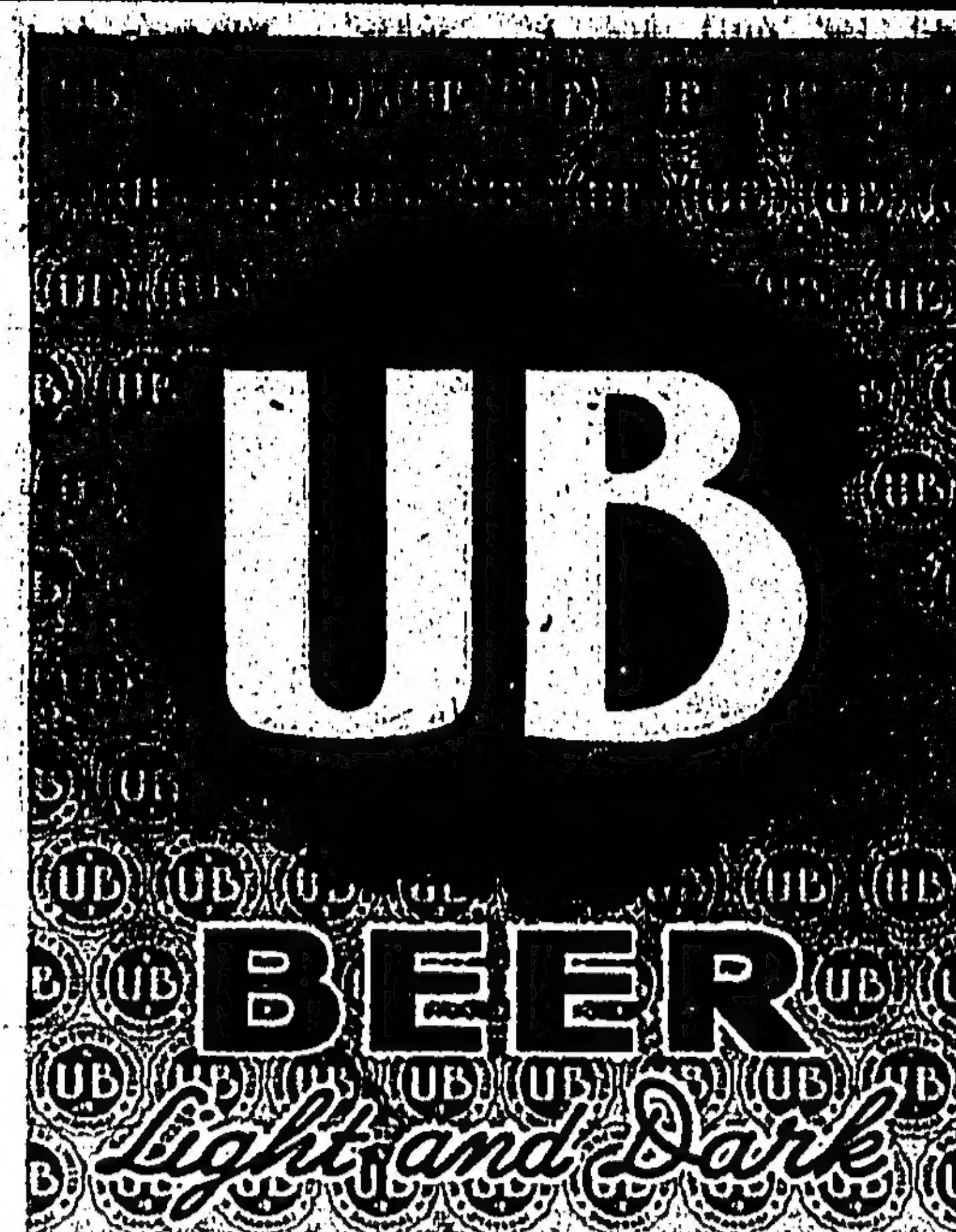
the opinion, that if Germany was victorious in Europe, the Nazis immediately would be in a position to carry on a tremendous price-cutting economic war based on barter exchanges.

Some persons prophesy that should Britain be beaten by the Nazis, the United States and Germany are certain to clash militarily in the future over Latin America or the Atlantic Islands. Others feel that the United States' commitments to aid England and China are so conclusive the United States is now in the war in every respect except the shooting. It is interesting to note that the former slogan "All aid to Britain short of war" has given to the emphasis on "Protection of the United States and the American continents."

Isolationists Active

On the other hand, the isolationists continue their running attack to keep the United States out of war, conducting a more vigorous campaign than a year ago.

There really has been little emotional appeal to stir up the public. If the vast network of the press, radio and cinema is ever brought into play to accomplish a specific change in public opinion—plus rallies in cities, towns and country schoolhouses—the national sentiment might be crystallized almost overnight in favour of some specific line of action. This has happened before.



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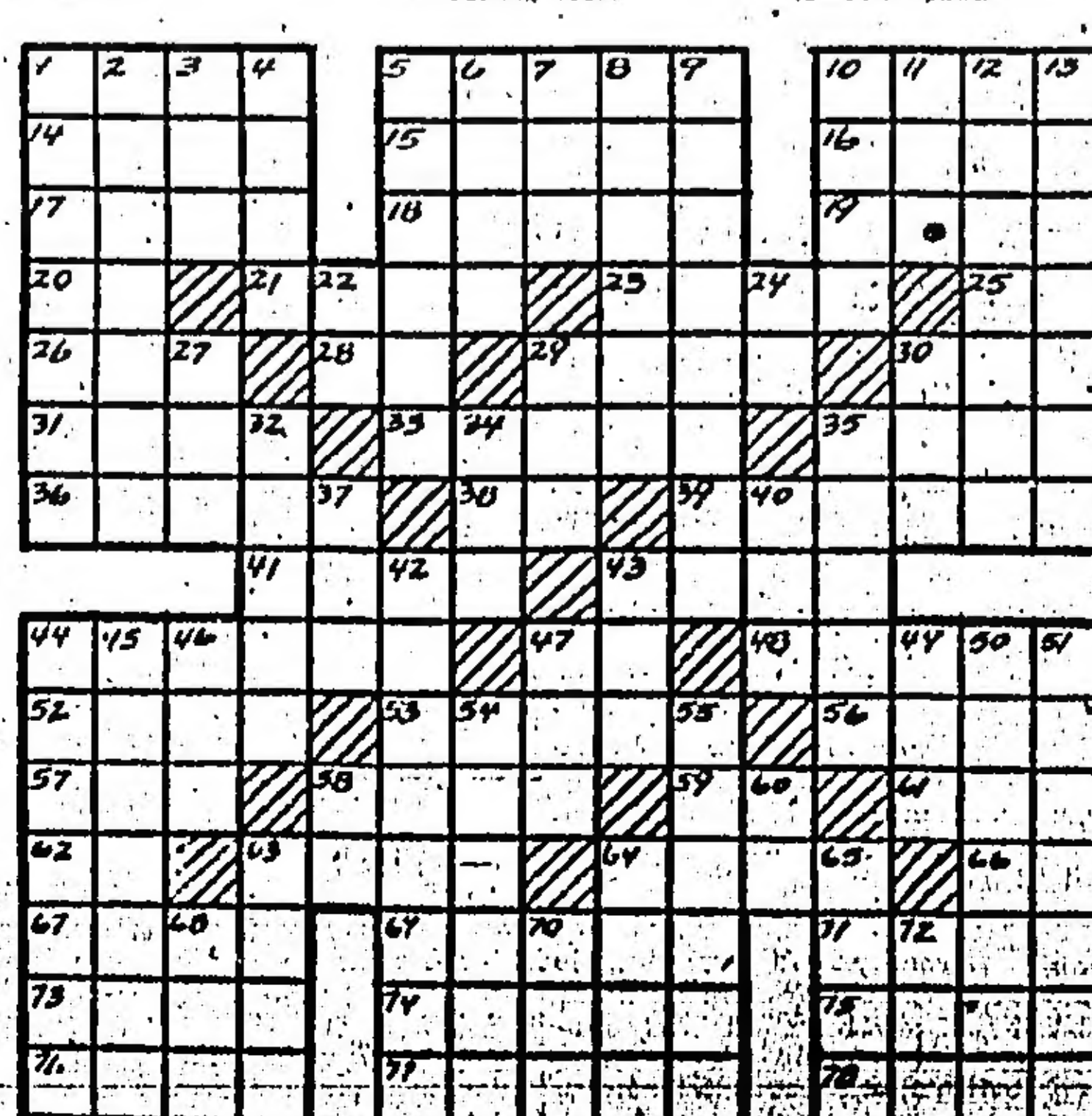
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ACROSS

- 1—Peltus
- 2—Items in competition
- 3—Sensible
- 4—Dark and valuable wood
- 5—Cures
- 6—Beginner
- 7—Of chaotic simplicity
- 8—Life experience
- 9—Spot of ink
- 10—Pleased
- 11—Polysyllabic slang
- 12—Used to be
- 13—Buttle like
- 14—Fail to include
- 15—Talk inconsiderately
- 16—Distance from right to left wheel
- 17—On side away from wind
- 18—Buttle of contemptuous meaning
- 19—Expression denoting hesitation
- 20—Makes changes in
- 21—Of tangible quality
- 22—Patronizing device
- 23—Advance
- 24—Vain
- 25—Recently deceased
- 26—Joke along
- 27—Cretaceous
- 28—World War tier
- 29—Bound with rope
- 30—River in Italy
- 31—And not
- 32—Myself
- 33—Pivotal
- 34—Orbit

DOWN

- 1—American grape
- 2—Kind of living creature (pl.)
- 3—Jutting rock
- 4—Vulgar pretence to gentility
- 5—Help
- 6—Peltus together
- 7—Narrow
- 8—Family of anemids
- 9—Lord of everything
- 10—Wretched condition
- 11—Play on words
- 12—Properties
- 13—French feminine article
- 14—Toward
- 15—Pretence
- 16—Above (contraction)
- 17—Isotonic drink
- 18—Tightly drawn
- 19—Crimson
- 20—Look of maps
- 21—General opinion of person (slang)
- 22—Move slowly
- 23—Pressing into place of cargoes
- 24—Detonate
- 25—Anti-slippery attachment for ice
- 26—Laid
- 27—Used as food
- 28—Lord of everything
- 29—Play on words
- 30—Winding
- 31—Away
- 32—Savilian bird
- 33—Extra (tree) tool
- 34—Preparation
- 35—Geologic group
- 36—Part of algebraic equation
- 37—Number of fingers
- 38—Fish spaw



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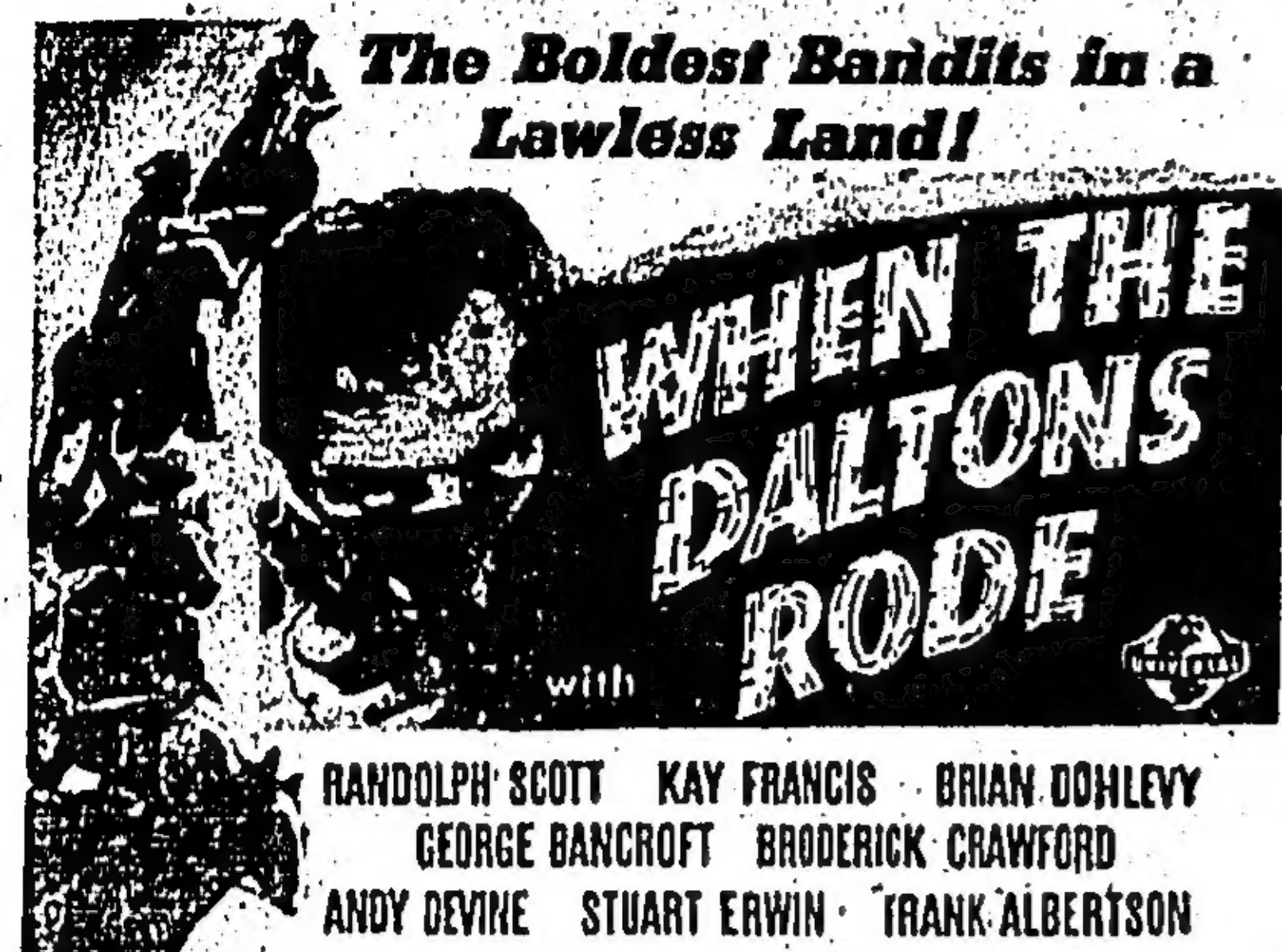
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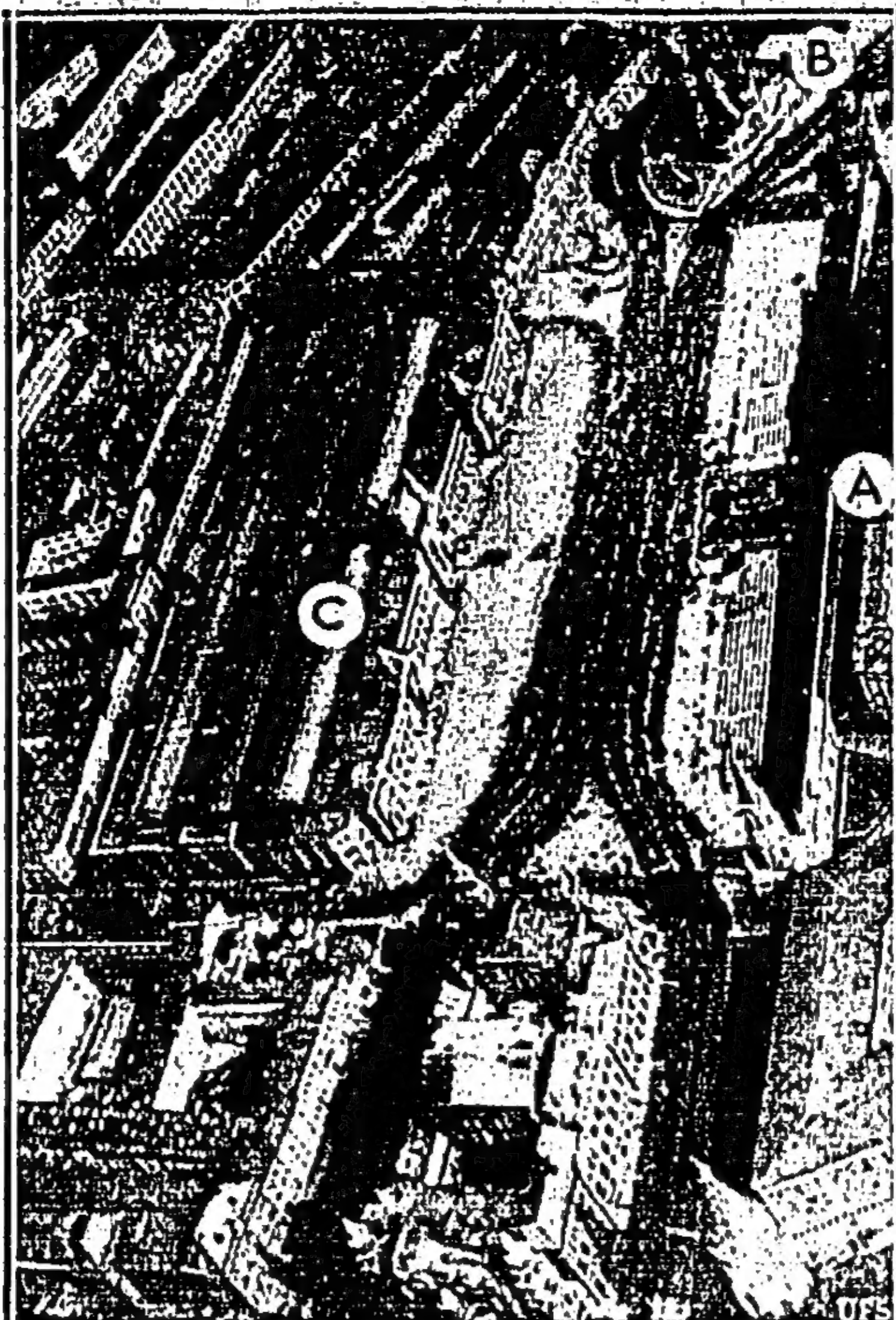
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WHERE BOMBS HIT—This is the Red Square area in Moscow where Nazi airmen let loose their bombs, in the first raids on the Soviet capital. A—Kremlin wall; B—famed Cathedral of St. Basil; C—Red Army administrative office building.

Expansion Plans For U.S. Navy Disclosed

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The Navy Department was disclosed to-day to have plans for immediate organization of two barrage balloon squadrons, totalling 150 barrage balloons, for the protection of fleet bases against aircraft attack.

Rear Admiral John H. Towers, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, told a House Appropriations Sub-committee, in testimony made public to-day, that "barrage balloons are considered to be an essential and valuable part of the defence of a fleet base, air station, or naval base."

The barrage balloons were estimated to cost about \$9,500 each. First squadrons would be located at Quantico, Va., and Parris Island, S. C.

Admiral Towers also told of plans to construct two training towers for parachute troops at New River, N. C., for training in the First Marine Division, and added that a request for \$100,000 for initial installations "does not include all of the projected future requirements in parachute-troop equipment."

No Underground Hangars
He also testified that it was planned that Congress appropriate funds for 21 additional patrol-type hangars at a cost of \$325,000 each, to station nine at Lakehurst, N. C., six at Boston, and six at San Francisco. Six are now under contract.

Rear Admiral Ben Moreell, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, testified that no Navy coastal aeroplane hangars were being constructed below ground due to the danger of flood, but that all gasoline would be stored underground.

"We have found from information that we have obtained from Europe," Admiral Moreell added, "that the safest protection for the planes is dispersion rather than to attempt to build tremendous structures underground. They would be tremendously costly. A seaplane hangar which now costs us about \$800,000 above ground would cost something like \$3,000,000 underground."

Pres. Roosevelt's Aged Mother Passes

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tion where she was entertained at an official luncheon. She entered the luncheon room on the arm of M. Paul Bonnet, who was then French Minister of Finance, and previously Ambassador in Washington.

It is presumed that Mrs. Roosevelt will be buried at St. James' Episcopal Church, Hyde Park village, where the President's father is interred. Mrs. Roosevelt was very active, attending many charitable functions and state occasions but it is known that the President, when he went to Hyde Park for the week-end, wanted his mother to have a "check up" by her doctor.

Broadcast Postponed
NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—According to the Columbia Broadcasting System the broadcast is postponed to Thursday.

NO AIR MASTERY FOR NAZIS

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destroyed over the approaches to Leningrad as well as hundreds of tanks and thousands of men. This was announced by M. Kuznetsov, a member of the War Council at a mass meeting yesterday and broadcast from Leningrad.

Nazis On Defensive

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that the Russians in Odessa do not lack air support. "For although Odessa's seven aerodromes only serve for supplies and cannot be used as air force bases, military planes come and go from the Crimea without pause and challenge the German command of the air."

U-Boat Captured

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The following is the text of a communication issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:

"During September 7, stubborn fighting continued against the enemy along the entire front.

"Our air force dealt massive blows against the enemy troops and attacked his air force on his aerodromes. Twenty-three German planes were destroyed on September 5 in air combats and on enemy aerodromes. We lost 11 planes.

"A German submarine No. 73, was captured in the Sea of Barents."

Unabated Battle For Leningrad

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have only begun for the boundaries are a network of rivers and canals. The southern sector alone is threatened by five canals while the 400-yard wide River Neva protects this quarter from the east.

With the Russians determined to fight from waterway to waterway and house to house and with the winter coming soon, it is easy to imagine the formidable task and huge toll of human lives awaiting the Nazis before their communications will be able to claim that they have taken Leningrad, "according to plan."

Nazi Nonsense

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It was stated here to-day that the Germans are nowhere near the southeastern approaches to Leningrad, still less the eastern approaches. Without the capture of these, it is pointed out, it is nonsense to talk of the city being isolated even though some railways may be put out of action for a short time.

Air Attacks Fail

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—Despite their air attacks, the Germans have not succeeded in wrecking the railway bridges on the approaches to Leningrad according to a special correspondent at the front. He said that crews are standing by on the river bank repairing the slight damage and enabling the maintenance of communications.

He described the attack of yesterday when 40 German dive-bombers attacked an unidentified bridge, causing small damage which was immediately repaired, while the village behind it was in flames.

He said that in the same sector, Colonel Donskov is retaining the initiative by counter-attacks, which are forcing back the Germans. Fifty German parachutists landed in the rear of his unit. All were rounded up and killed.

the front. Armed people merge with the Red army and the Baltic fleet. Thousands of workers in the immediate vicinity of the front are building fortifications around Leningrad.

Envoys From Canberra

To Britain And China
SYDNEY, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Sir Earle Page, who is shortly going to London to represent the Australian Government, issued a statement to-day regarding his mission.

He said: "My function will be to establish personal Cabinet liaison between the two governments. I am still directly responsible to the Australian Parliament and people."

"The primary purpose of my mission will be the presentation of the Australian viewpoint in certain major problems and immediate strategy."

"The second purpose will be to arrange the best plan for maintaining the system of direct Cabinet representation in London."

Sir F. Eggleston

SINGAPORE, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Sir Frederick Eggleston, first Australian Minister to Chungking, has arrived in Singapore.

He stated: "The policy of my appointment is gradually to extend the diplomatic representation of Australia to all countries in the Pacific with which we have diplomatic contact. This does not involve any breach if we are in unity with the British Commonwealth of Nations."

"Those appointed will regard their task as one of co-operation with British Ministers. It is, of course, true that Australia may have different interests on certain points but there will be constant consultations so as to beat out a common policy."

Dollar-A-Year Men Get Paid

Cheque For 2 Cents

WASHINGTON, July 16.—To-day was pay day for 262 dollar-a-year men in the defence programme, but only 13 of them had worked a full year and were entitled to a whole dollar. The rest got paid, on a pro rata basis, from 2 cents up.

The cheques covered the fiscal year which ended June 30, and the Treasury computed them at the rate of 8 1/2 cents a month for the time each executive was on the pay roll. The total of all the payments was only \$120.

Many Office of Production Management executives received their annual compensation without ceremony, but John D. Bingers, Production Director, and E. R. Stettinius, Jr., Priorities Director, arranged for public distribution of checks to all recipients in their sections.

No Pay For Chiefs

Neither William S. Knudsen, OPM Director, nor Sidney Hillman, Associate Director, received a check. They hold office under a 1917 law which provides that they serve without compensation. That exempts them from an old law forbidding the Government to accept the free services of any individual.

The smallest cheque—for 2 cents—went to Randolph Paul of the Office of Price Administration. Government officials guessed that most of the checks would be framed and never cashed.

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NAZIS ON DEFENSIVE IN FACE OF SOVIET COUNTER-ATTACKS Gomel and Kexholm Scene of Latest Thrusts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 7 (UP).—THE RED ARMY ORGAN, "RED STAR" TO-DAY REPORTED FURTHER SUCCESSFUL SOVIET COUNTER-ATTACKS IN THE KEXHOLM AND GOMEL DIRECTIONS. IN THE GOMEL SECTOR, AN INFANTRY DIVISION MADE AN OFFENSIVE ATTACK AGAINST THE LEFT FLANK OF THE GERMAN VANGUARD, SMASHED THEIR RESISTANCE AND RE-CAPTURED SEVERAL VILLAGES. IN THE KEXHOLM DIRECTION, THE RUSSIANS ROUTED THE ENEMY WHICH IS REPORTED TO BE FLEEING IN PANIC THROUGH THE WOODS.

A.R.P. INQUIRY RESUMES

Contractor Says He was Asked To Present a Tender

Evidence that he was asked to apply for a tender form for the making of concrete blocks by a servant of Capt. Hobbs was given by Chung Yuk, Manager of Sang Tai and Co., building contractors, this morning at the resumed inquiry into certain matters connected with the Architectural Branch of the A.R.P. Department.

U. S. TO GROW FOR BRITAIN

Record Production Called For

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (UP).—The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Claude Wickard, announced a record 1942 farm production programme calling for an all-time record production to "improve the nutrition of this country and meet the needs of those nations who still stand behind this country and Hitler."

The Secretary asked for unlimited sugar production; slightly increased corn acreage; more soy beans and potatoes; nearly doubled peanut production; and he emphasised his request for increased production in hogs, eggs, evaporated milk, cheese and chickens, all of which are vitally needed by the British.

Wheat production would be reduced fifteen to twenty per cent. below this year's crop in view of the surplus, as well as the lack of export demand. The cotton acreage would be but little changed.

Contracts For Farmers
"Every farmer in the United States will be contacted by the local farmer TURN to Back Page, Column 5"

Russia Wants Aluminium

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (UP).—Authoritative defence quarters to-day stated that Soviet Russia has requested aluminium supplies from the United States to offset the losses caused by the destruction of the Dniepropetrovsk dam and the disruption of the Leningrad plant, which resulted in cutting approximately 66% of the annual capacity of 160,000,000 pounds.

The destruction of the dam wiped out the principle supply of 75,000,000 pounds while the Leningrad plant with a productive capacity of 30,000,000 pounds is also believed not to be operating. They were of the opinion that the Kamensk plant in the Urals, with an estimated capacity of 50,000,000 pounds annually is operating fully.

Bauxite from the Tikhvin fields is also mined because it is now under control of the Finns.

The Red army also repulsed a German attempt to force a crossing of the Khroma River on the western front, blew up pontoon bridges and destroyed 35 planes on a neighbouring airport.

SOVIETS USE PANZER UNITS

ZURICH, Sept. 7 (UP).—The newspaper "Zürcher Zeitung Berliner" reports that in various sectors it is understood that the Russians have started very heavy counter-attacks with strong forces and large reinforcements of panzer units including the heaviest types.

The heaviest attack appears to be on the central front by Marshal Timoshenko's army and also along the Dnieper where Marshal Budenny has released a very strong offensive against the German east bank bridgeheads at many points. The Russians even tried to cross the Dnieper, but Berlin claims that they were thrown back with losses.

CEASELESS ACTIVITY BY R. A. F.

Tripoli And Derna Attacked

CAIRO, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—The R.A.F. communiqué says: "Libya.—Heavy bombers of the R.A.F. attacked shipping alongside the Spanish Quay at Tripoli on the night of September 5-6. A medium-sized merchantman was hit by bombs and many direct hits were obtained on the Quay."

"Other R.A.F. bombers raided a number of objectives in Cirenaica. At Derna, large fires broke out and in one of these an explosion took place followed by showers of sparks. A number of enemy aircraft on the ground are believed to have been destroyed."

"A motor transport camp south of Derna was also attacked and fires resulted from our bombing."

"At Martuba, bombs fell among dispersed aircraft and motor transports and the glow of the fires could be seen all over the target area."

"Other attacks were made on Bardia and the aerodrome of El Adem."

"On the night of September 6-7, enemy aircraft attempted to raid the Suez Canal area. Our night fighters shot down two raiders and damaged others."

"From all these operations one of our aircraft is missing."

The paper states, "It is understood that the Russian counter-attacks are temporarily forcing the Germans to devote their chief attention to the defensive. The counter-attacks, however, have never exceeded the character of localised successes."

Western Sector

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—Further successes in local operations in the western sector are reported to-day.

In one of the sub-sectors in the direction of Gomel, a Soviet rifle division, after overcoming considerable resistance, has retaken a number of large inhabited places and destroyed 21 German tanks and many guns.

At another point in the western sector, the Germans had established bridgeheads across the River Khmar. Soviet aircraft by dive-attacks destroyed the bridgeheads and prevented a crossing and killed some hundreds of Germans.

Soviet planes also attacked two aerodromes used by the enemy and destroyed 35 planes and damaged others.

Odesa Bombed

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—"German bombers last night bombed the town and harbour of Odesa as well as railway junctions of military importance with good effect," says the German official news agency.

"Small and large fires testified to the effect of the attack."

Command Of Air

MADRID, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—The Berlin correspondent of "Ere" says TURN to Back Page, Column 3

No Air Mastery For Nazis

Russian Campaign Brings Big Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—General Grendal of the Red air force, analysing the Luftwaffe's losses in the German-Russian war in to-day's "Red Star," said that the Germans have not only failed to achieve mastery of the air, but are continuing to lose disproportionately compared to the Red air fleet's losses, while the quality of machines and men is steadily worsening.

Repeating the official Soviet figures of German losses in the first two months of the war of 7,200 planes, a third of which were Messerschmitt 111 and a considerable number of ME-109s, he claimed that the Soviet aviation "not only unyields to the Germans but in many respects excels them."

Old-Type Machines

He said that the Luftwaffe's strength on the east front consists of four air fleets and one air corps headed by Generals Kelsiering, Leer, Keller and Schumpf. They are using old types of bombers; Heinkel 111; Dornier 213 and diverse Junkers 88 and Messerschmitt 110 which are thoroughly modernised, as well as a new fighter, Heinkel 113.

Effective Soviet Bombings

General Grendal stated that Russian air bombing has been most effective at airports. "The experience in this war has shown that the Luftwaffe does not operate on a scale but as individual groups, since the front lacks any large airports accommodating hundreds of planes."

"The majority of the airports contain several dozen planes, some upwards of 40 or 60 are located in sheltered corners as well as camouflaged areas; however, Soviet reconnaissance from the air and land have spotted these bases and inflicted crushing blows on them."

Huge Losses

According to "Reuters," General Grendal gave the following figures of German losses:

"In the course of the war, our air force has destroyed over 2,000 Nazi TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Mrs Sara Delano Roosevelt



President Roosevelt's Aged Mother Passes

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—President Roosevelt's mother Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt is dead.

The President and his wife spent Saturday night at his mother's bedside and they were with her when she died at 11.15 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Mrs. Roosevelt had been unconscious for 12 hours following what the family physician, Dr. Scott Smith, called "acute circulatory collapse due principally to advanced age."

The first intimation of this development came on Friday night, but Mrs. Sara Roosevelt's condition did not become alarming until late on Saturday.

The funeral at Hyde Park on Tuesday will be private.

The old lady spent most of the summer at her cottage at Campo Bello Island, New Brunswick. She left there for Hyde Park on August 31.

Met King And Queen

Mrs. Sara Roosevelt was the wife of James Roosevelt, fourth cousin of President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1898 she met the King and Queen during their stay at the Hyde Park residence of the President and his wife during the Royal tour of Canada and the United States.

Born in 1854 at Algonac, a few miles from New York, New York State, Mrs. Roosevelt spent her childhood in Hongkong where her father was in business. On her return to Algonac she married in 1880 James Roosevelt, who was a distant cousin. In December, 1900, when the present President was 18, his father died and from then onward Mrs. Roosevelt's affection was centred on her son, whose meteoric career she followed step by step with great pride.

Visit To Paris

In September, 1937, at the age of 83 Mrs. Roosevelt went to Paris at the invitation of the French Government. She visited the Paris Exhibition.

Mr Campbell In Serious Condition

Note Found By Police

It was revealed by the Police this morning that Mr. J. G. Campbell, attached to the Engineering Office of the Public Works Department, who was found suffering from the effects of poison at his residence yesterday evening, left a note, the contents of which the Police cannot reveal.

Mr Campbell, whose condition was stated this morning to be very serious, is in the Kowloon Hospital. He lives at 149 Waterloo Road and was discovered in his room, unconscious by his houseboy yesterday evening. Mr Campbell had left instructions for tea to be brought to his room at 6 o'clock.

Mr Campbell has a wife and family in Australia.

Gang Attack On Chinese Newspaper

Incident In City

A determined effort to obstruct the normal sale of the "Hua Hsiang Pao," pro-Leftist Chinese evening newspaper, was made on Saturday afternoon, when papers were wrenched from the hands of vendors and torn up by a gang of hoodlums outside the newspaper's wholesale depot in Lee Yuen East.

The incident occurred shortly after 3 p.m., the normal publication time. As soon as vendors were issued with the papers, they were met by a number of "toughs" who forcibly took possession of the papers and tore them into shreds at the end of the street.

It is estimated that at least three-quarters of the day's issue were destroyed in this way and prevented from passing into readers' hands. Police assistance was summoned, whereupon the gang disappeared.

Yesterday's issue of the paper was not interfered with in any way.

Funeral Of Mr Kring

The funeral of the late Mr. N. J. Kring will take place at 5.30 this afternoon at the Protestant Cemetery.

Saturday's Raid Over Rhineland Described

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—The full story of the Saturday night Rhineland raid is told by the Air Ministry. Though there was a moon and clear sky over Western Germany, the target was found only after skillful navigation.

The target was the chemical works at Huls, just north of the Ruhr, an important plant for the manufacture of buna or synthetic rubber with which Germany planned to make the army and air force independent of the blockade.

One Whitley pilot circled and circled the whole area for an hour and half before the navigator was certain that the right place was located. Then he saw his bombs explode among the buildings and several fires sprang up.

Other crews had similar experiences. Searchlights were everywhere—ones pilot dived within a hundred feet of the ground to escape them—and anti-aircraft fire was intense.

Greer Sequel Inflames U.S. Opinion

Nazi Charges Ridiculed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—German charges against President Roosevelt over the Greer incident are treated as ludicrous here as no one believes that the Greer had any orders to do anything but defend herself.

Moreover, the destroyer was so plainly marked that it is now thought that the periscope above the water could possibly have mistaken her for one transferred to Britain.

The incident, which appeared fairly innocuous at first, now threatens to develop into a serious diplomatic issue, and while no one still believes that it can lead America into war, it will intensify relations and similar incidents in future will unquestionably inflame opinion here.

Reports from Hyde Park that President Roosevelt is considering convoys as a result of the Greer incident are received here with intense interest but no further information on this head is available here.

LATEST

Australia's New Premier Makes A Fighting Speech

SYDNEY, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—In his broadcast to-day, the Australian Prime Minister Mr. A. W. Fadden, said that at least one in four Australians of fighting age were fighting with the forces, namely 400,000 in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Within another two years the figure would exceed 600,000 in addition to 200,000 engaged directly or indirectly in the production of munitions, war equipment and war supplies.

Naval personnel had increased threefold and Air Force personnel sevenfold.

Tribute To Menzies

Mr. Fadden paid a fine tribute to Mr. R. G. Menzies his predecessor as Prime Minister who he said, gave himself unselfishly to his country in one of its most difficult periods.

Mr. Fadden added: "The third year will probably determine if civilisation, already bruised and battered, is to survive. That is why Australians, with the free people of

the world, are relentless in their determination to sweep Hitler and his followers into oblivion."

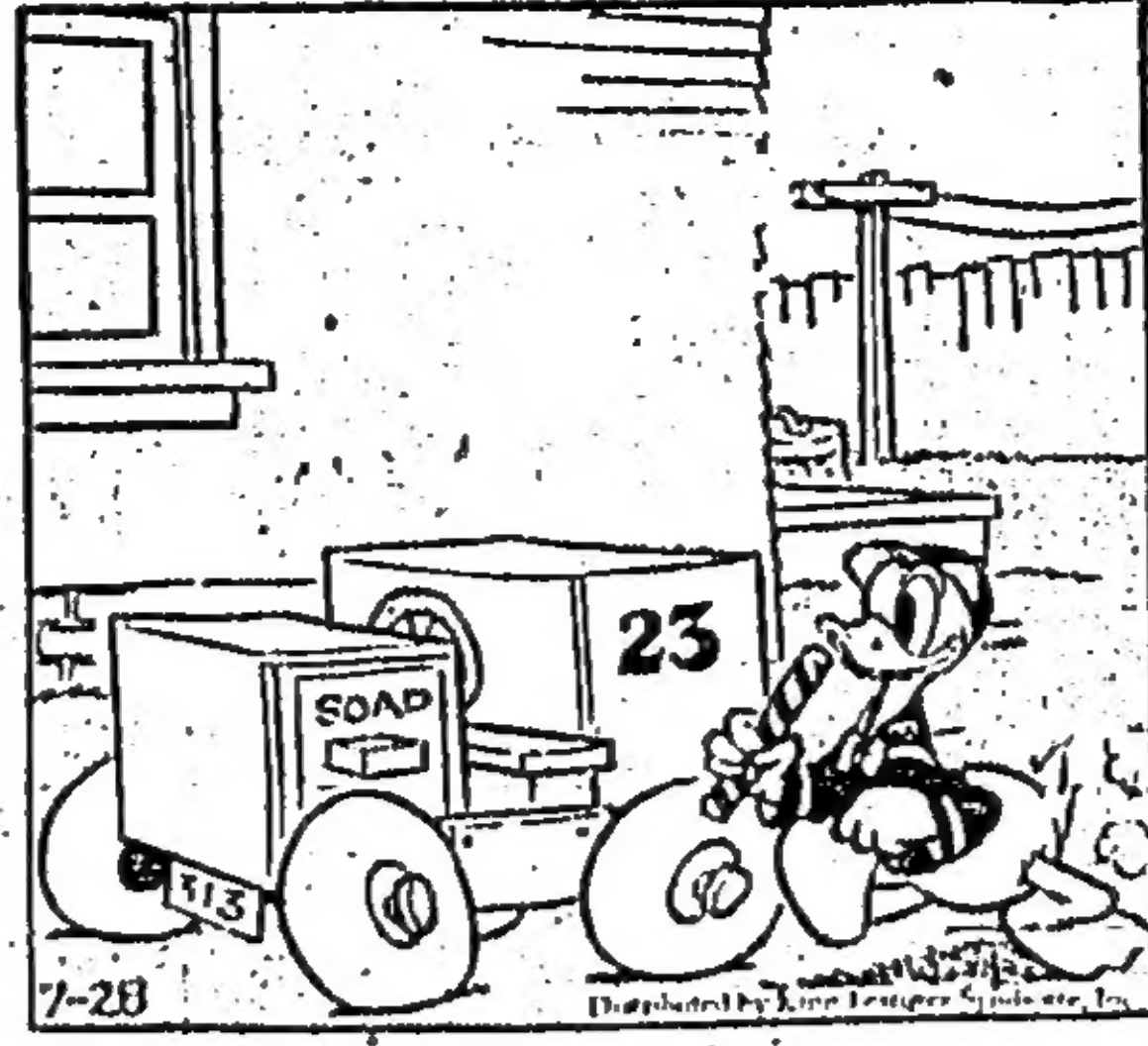
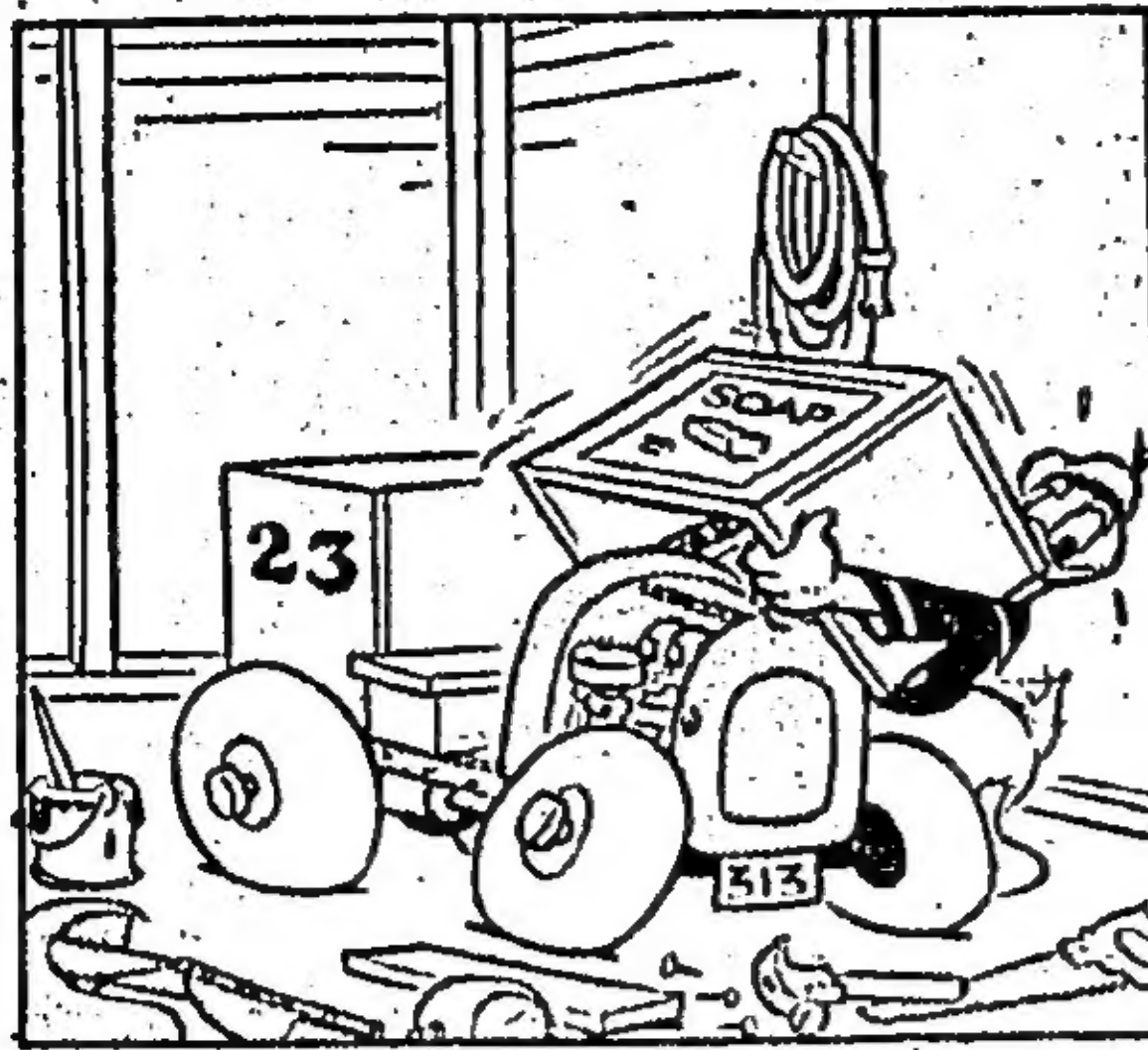
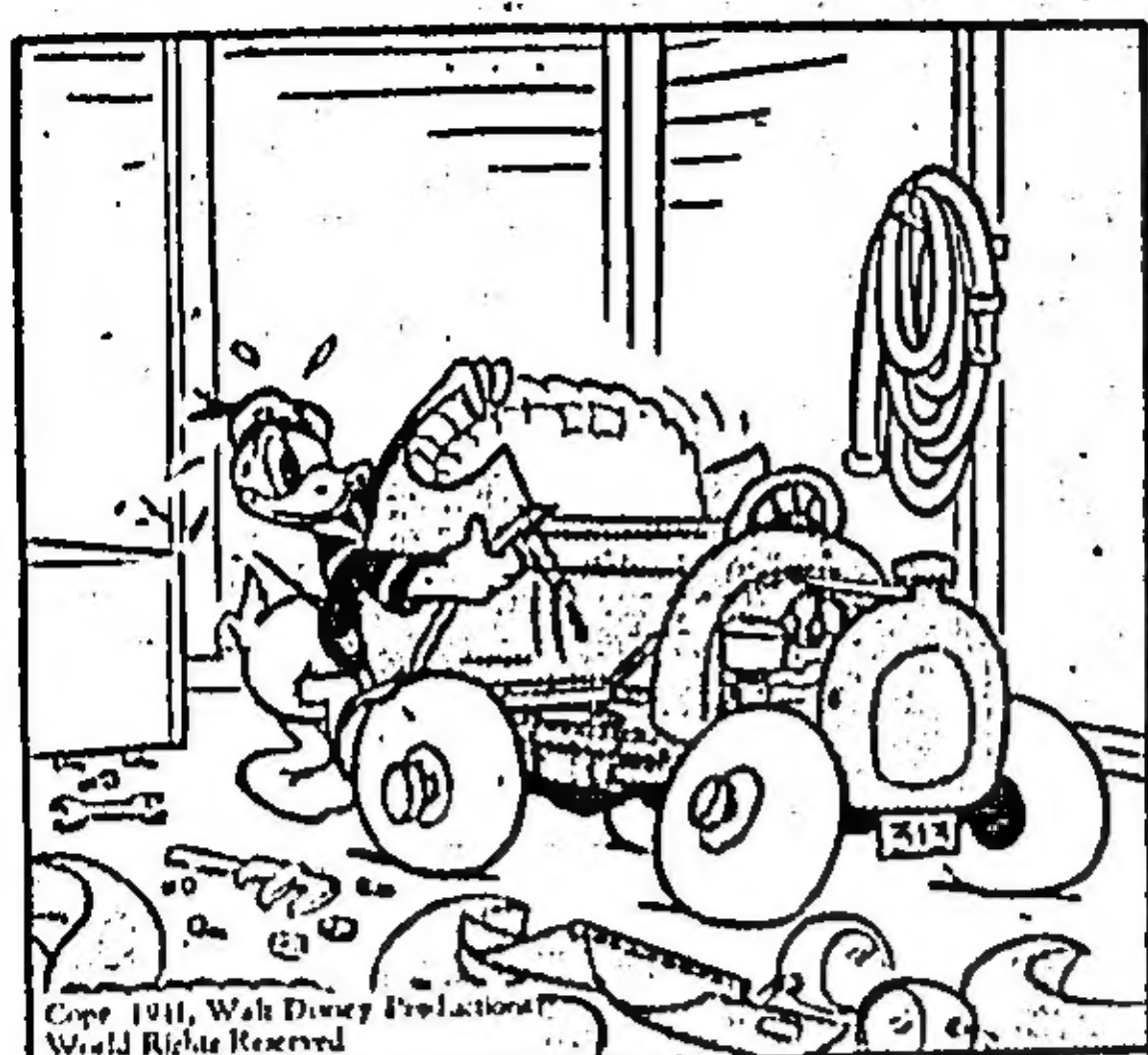
Navy Minister

MELBOURNE, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—"We rejoice that the Russians are fighting so magnificently, but Russia cannot hope to defeat the Germans in Germany and bring her to her knees," declared Mr. W. M. Hughes, the Navy Minister, in a speech here to-day.

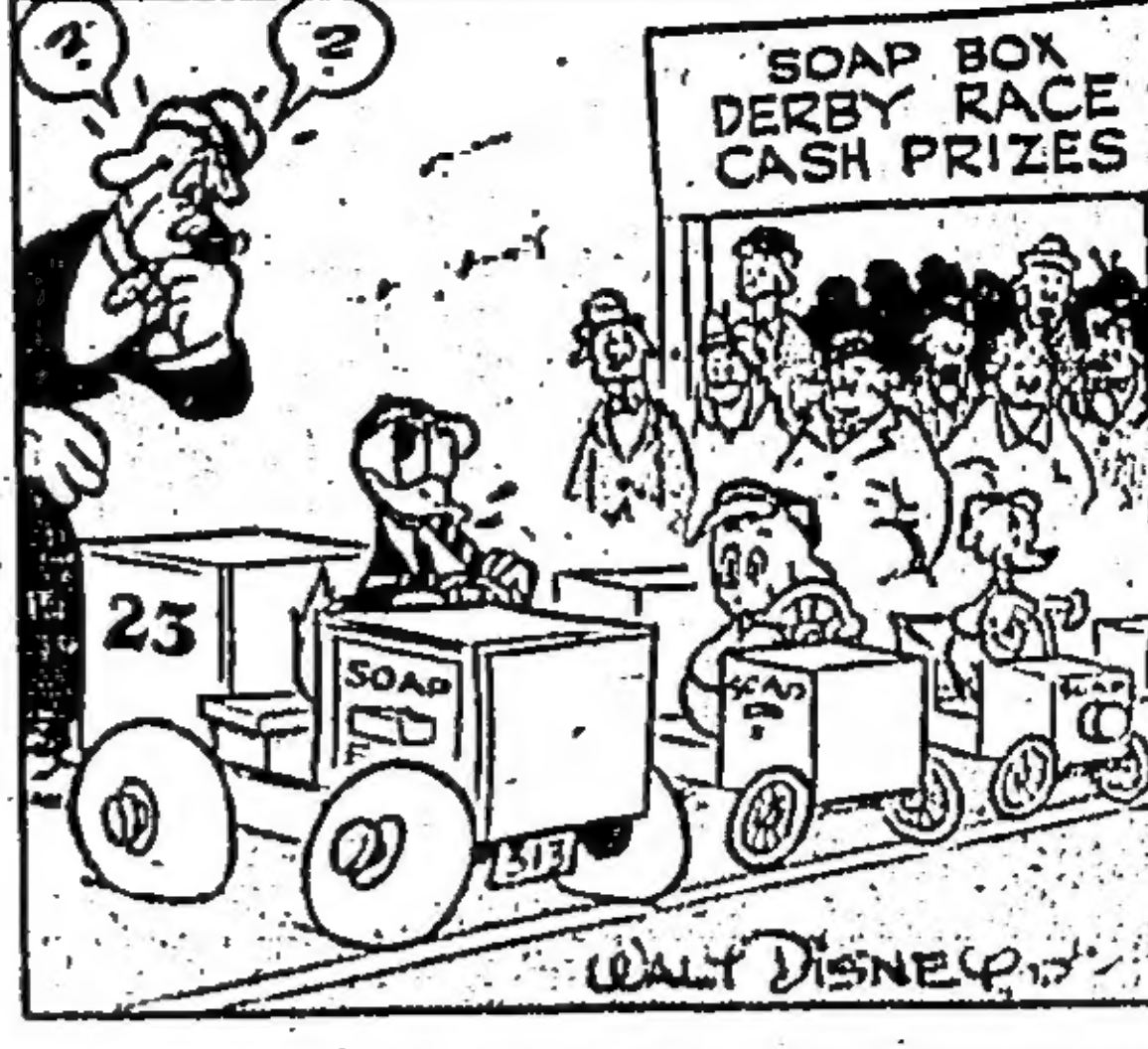
"Nothing less will suffice. This war is our war. We must fight it ourselves to the end. Maybe victory is coming sooner than we dare to hope. Britain's position is incomparably stronger than a year ago."

Mr. Hughes added: "Australia's destiny depends on her ability to achieve unity."

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Declaration By Brazil

Defensive Alliance

RIO-DE-JANEIRO, Sept. 7. (Reuter).—Addressing a huge audience on the occasion of the anniversary of Brazilian independence, President Vargas, referring to the policy of America as a whole, declared: "All aggression from whatever quarter will find us a united bloc made up of the greatest number of nationalities that has ever constituted a defensive alliance."

President Vargas, continuing, said that the 119th anniversary of Brazil's independence could still be celebrated without mourning, for the people and government of Brazil had been able, despite the present difficult situation, to avoid the perils of shocks threatened by forces that were deluging humanity in blood.

"We are a peaceful nation," he said; "Our principal aim is to keep away from the terrible contingencies of war. We are, however, unable to forego low events will develop and what circumstances we may be called to take part in or what efforts will be demanded of us."

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12.30 Jack Harris and His Orchestra in a selection of dance music

1.0 Local time signal

1.02 Frances Langford and Tony Martin in Variety

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press Announcements

1.45 A. Moskowski Programme comprising Yehudi Menuhin (violin) with piano; State Opera Orchestra; Ellen Joyce (soprano), Richard Tauber (tenor) and the Blue Hungarian Band.

2.15 Close Down
6.00 Indian Programme.
6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 Half an hour of dance music.
7.17 Variety Programme.
8.0 London Relay—The News.
8.0 London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 London Relay—"Listening Post".
8.30 Programme Summary.
8.32 Dvarak Centenary Programme.

9.0 Local Time Signal. This Week's Programme.
9.05 Puccini's "La Tosca" Act 2. Singers in order of appearance: Apollo Granforte (Baritone), Giovanni Azzimonti (bass) Nelo Pahl (tenor) Pico Palmi (tenor) with orchestra of La Scala Milan.
10.0 News in French (on short wave only).
9.45 Negro Spirituals. Singers: Paul Robeson, Edna Thomas.
10.0 London Relay—News and News Commentary.
10.15 Chopin Sonata in B Flat Minor Op. 35—Percy Grainger (piano).
10.35 The Light Symphony Orchestra and Nancy Evans (soprano).
11.0 London News From Home.
11.15 Close Down.

Envoys From Canberra

To Britain And China
SYDNEY, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Sir Earle Page, who is shortly going to London to represent the Australian Government, issued a statement to-day regarding his mission.

He said: "My function will be to establish personal Cabinet liaison between the two governments. I am still directly responsible to the Australian Parliament and people."

"The primary purpose of my mission will be the presentation of the Australian viewpoint in certain major problems and immediate strategy."

"The second purpose will be to arrange the best plan for maintaining the system of direct Cabinet representation in London."

Sir F. Eggleston
SINGAPORE, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Sir Frederick Eggleston, first Australian Minister to Chungking, has arrived in Singapore.

He stated: "The policy of my appointment is gradually to extend the diplomatic representation of Australia to all countries in the Pacific with which we have diplomatic contact. This does not involve any breach if we are in unity with the British Commonwealth of Nations."

"Those appointed will regard their task as one of co-operation with British Ministers. It is, of course, true that Australia may have different interests on certain points but there will be constant consultations so as to beat out a common policy."

Japanese Withdraw From Syria

BEIRUT, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Japanese Consulate-General here, which has jurisdiction over Syria, Lebanon and Palestine, will close on Monday owing to the existing circumstances.

The Consul General, Mr. Shito, and the Vice-Consul are leaving Beirut. Other Japanese officials and civilians have already left for Japan.

DAMASCUS, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Free French leader, General Georges Catroux, has proceeded to Aleppo for consultations with leading personalities concerning Syria's future.

Issue Remains In Balance

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Throughout the week-end, the battle for Leningrad continued unabated. The issue remains in the balance: the Soviet communists are reticent, reporting only that fighting continues, while even the Germans merely fall back upon the accustomed formula that operations continue "according to plan."

Despite the huge effort the Germans are making, it seems that they have nothing concrete to report since their claim two days ago that Leningrad was under shell-fire.

Even if this claim is true, it is not particularly significant for it may be noted that Odessa, Tobruk and even Dover all along have been under German shell-fire, but are far from being in German hands.

Nevertheless it would be foolish to underestimate the seriousness of the German threat to Leningrad and no doubt it is just because the Russians realise the strategic importance of that city they are now exerting such strenuous efforts to defend it.

Should Leningrad fall at any time before the winter sets in, it might leave a section of the Nazi army free to sweep onwards towards Moscow and in addition would give them in the port of Leningrad a valuable supply base free from mud and snow though not from ice, for it should be noted that the Gulf of Finland is ice-covered throughout the winter months.

The defences which the Germans are now facing in Leningrad are formidable. Indeed the three concentric rings of fortifications around the city, from which the city can be seriously threatened have been compared in strength with the best in the world. They may not be impregnable but they certainly will exact a disastrous toll of German lives if the Nazis decide to try to take the city by storm.

Even if the Germans reach the very outskirts of this city of 3,000,000 inhabitants, their problems will be very serious.

COURAGE IN DESERT: OFFICER WINS THE M.C.

LONDON, Sept. 7. (British Wireless).—Coolness and tenacity in the face of "sudden terrific and blinding showers of bombs" during an operation in the Middle East contributed to the award of the M.C. to 2/Lieutenant Alan Young, of the Royal Garwhal Rifles, Indian Army, whose exploit is described by others in a War Office bulletin.

"This officer," it is stated, "was in command of two platoons of his Company which were ordered to attack by night an enemy position on a Bald Hill spur."

"The position was found to be much stronger than thought and was well wired in. Nevertheless, 2/Lieutenant Young crawled through the wire to reconnoitre and directed the platoons to follow quietly."

"The enemy sangar was located and dispositions were made to attack from two sides. The left platoon was heard, however, and a sudden terrific and blinding shower of bombs was hurled down on them, wounding all section commanders and causing some confusion."

"The platoon on the right was simultaneously attacked from further sangars which had remained unlocated and the Italians commenced to rush the survivors and a critical situation developed."

Rose To Occasion
"Young, however, rose magnificently to the occasion, collected the jemadar and a few men of the right platoon and organised a counter charge. He himself shot two of the enemy with his revolver, the jemadar bayoneted two more and further casualties were caused by bombs and machine-guns when they came into action."

"In the face of this determination, the enemy ineffectually fled. The platoons by then had had 20 casualties and were on a very exposed slope, being fired on by machine-gun and rifle fire from Bald Hill and Alopi Knoll."

"In spite of this and although he himself was hit by small pieces of bombs, Young, in compliance with orders to attract as much of the enemy attention as possible remained in the vicinity a further 45 minutes, firing at various enemy machine-gun posts which were shooting down on him. He only withdrew when all wounded had been completely cleared and his task was completed in every detail. His skill, coolness, courage and determination were beyond all praise."

Another Incident
Perilous operations at Halfaya Pass are described in relation to the award of the M.C. to 2/Lieutenant

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
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T.T. Shanghai	400
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2 n.
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	49 1/2
T.T. Batavia	40 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140
T.T. Saigon	100
T.T. France	107
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/4
4 m/s France	107 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,450 n.
H.K. Banks (old)	78 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	85 n.
Chartered Banks	23 1/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	23 1/4 n.
Mercantile, C. & D.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	70 n.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins.	230 b.
Union Ins.	432 1/2 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins.	185 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas S.	120 n.
Stannards	10 n.
Indo-China S.	80 n.
Indo-China P.	70 n.
Shell (Bearers) S.	51.10 1/2 n.
Waterboats S.	6.55 n.

DOCK & EXO

Wharves S.	0.11 1/2 n.
Docks S.	17.60 n.
Providents S.	0.65 n.
Shai Dockyards S.	3.14 n.

MINING

Kailan S.	13/6 n.
Roubs S.	7 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines	2 cts n.

LANDS

Hotels S.	3.70 n.
Lands S.	36.00 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	0.71 1/2 n.
Shai Lands S.	2.14 n.
Humphreys S.	7.20 n.
H.K. Realities S.	3 1/2 n.
Chinese Estates S.	0.8 n.

UTILITIES

Trams S.	17 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (old) S.	7 n.
Peak Trams (new) S.	3 1/4 n.
Star Ferries S.	5.14 n.
Y. Ferries S.	2.34 n.
China Lights (old) S.	0.65 n.
China Lights (new) S.	1.90 n.
H.K. Electric (old) S.	21.00 n.

H.K. Electric (new) S.

H.K. Electric (new) S.	21 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (old) S.	11 1/2 n.
Macao Electric S.	18 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights S.	12 1/2 n.
Telephones (old) S.	24 n.
Telephones (new) S.	9 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold: Macg. (Ord.) S.	45 n.
Cold: Macg. (Pref.) S.	35 n.
Cantor Ice S.	1 n.
Cement S.	15.00 n.
H.K. Ropes S.	0.85/05 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms S.	104 1/2 n.
Watsons S.	11.00 n.
Lane Crawford S.	0.45 n.
Sincere S.	2 1/4 n.
Wing On (H.K.) S.	30 n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd S.	1 1/4 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh S.	43 n.
Shai Cotton S.	305 n.

MISB.

H.K. Govt 4% S.	101 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934) S.	99 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940) S.	98 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 GSBds.	42 n.
Entertainments S.	0.94 n.
Constructions (old) S.	1.00 n.
Constructions (new) S.	0.80 n.
Vibro Piling S.	7.20 n.
Maramans Inv. (Lon.) S.	6/3 n.
Maramans Inv. (H.K.) S.	1/6 n.

Texas Head Office To Be Transferred

The head office of the Texas Company (China) Limited in Shanghai will continue to operate in Shanghai for the sale of petrol and oil.

The transfer will involve only part of the staff of the Company which will continue to operate in Shanghai for the sale of petrol and oil.

One Mad Man & His Dog

Hitler In The Woods

MADRID, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of "Efe" sends a graphic description of Hitler's headquarters about which silence up to now has been maintained.

The headquarters is no longer the train shed in newsreels. "The difficulties of railway communications have necessitated a change to a group of lorries which are transformed into a kind of automobile camp," he says.

"Camp is always pitched near a mountain or wood so that Hitler can take the solitary walks he is accustomed to at Berchtesgaden. At present it is near a large wood where Hitler walks alone with a dog. A heavy precaution is taken to keep the situation secret. Mail is sent by air to different aerodromes, then by car to the camp."

"The Press chief Dr. Dietrich has a special mobile office where world news is received so that Hitler is kept informed of current events."

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1.—The Competition is open to all photographers.

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3.—The prizes will be awarded to the competitors sending in what are adjudged to be the best photographs in each Section. Each entry must be accompanied by a form which will be published during the period of the Competition and which must be pasted on back of entry.

4.—The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.

5.—All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.

6.—No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of loss of, or damage to entries.

7.—All entries to be either black and white or tinted pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.

8.—Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.

9.—No picture to be entered in more than one Section.

10.—Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 16x20.

11.—No correspondence will be entered in connection with the Competition.

12.—Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.

13.—The decision of the Judges shall be final.

14.—At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to the photographers within seven days.

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

September 1

Weather in August.—Weather conditions during August, although slightly hotter than usual, differed little from the average.

Two very wet week-ends, at the beginning and towards the end of the month, respectively, counter-balanced a long sunny period in the middle. The first was associated with a typhoon which formed in the China Sea on August 3, and moving northward, produced a south-easterly gale in the neighbourhood of the Colony for a short period on the 4th. The second rainy period, due to a trough of low pressure over the northern part of the China Sea, caused a welcome fall of temperature after the rather trying conditions in the middle of the month.

A maximum temperature of 92.9 deg. F. was recorded on the 13th, and a minimum of 74.4 deg. on the 2nd. The mean temperature for the month was 83 deg. against a normal of 81.7 deg. and temperatures of 90 deg. and over were observed on eleven days. Humidity was normal at 83 per cent. Cloud percentage was practically normal at 68, but the duration of bright sunshine, which was 193 hours, was eight hours below the average.

A total of 12.3 inches of rain fell on sixteen days, 3.5 inches falling on the 25th. The total is about two inches less than the August mean.

There were seven thunderstorms and lightning was observed on fourteen days.

Maximum wind velocity in a gust of 50 m.p.h. was recorded on the 4th, at the time of the typhoon, the only one which threatened Hongkong during August.

Shares in Demand.—A general improvement in stocks and shares on the Hongkong market was noted to-day, apparently due to speculation on the talks between President Roosevelt and Admiral Nimitz at Washington.

The total amount of business done, from figures supplied by the Share-brokers' Association, was \$146,301.45, compared to \$118,442 a week ago. Over \$1,700 in shares changed hands on Saturday, with to-day's prices showing an appreciable gain over the week-end. There were plenty of buyers on the market, but sellers did not appear too keen to dispose of their holdings.

China Lights (Old), China Provident, and Ropes, were the most active, with yesterday's closing prices of \$6.75/80, and \$9.45/50 respectively for shares, as against \$6.20/25, \$9.50, and \$9.25/35 on Saturday.

Watsons reached a new high for this year when 1,700 shares changed hands at \$11.50. The official summary shows buyers at \$11.50, while business done at \$11.25. Other shares reaching new highs for this year were Providents (\$9.60) Hongkong Land (\$8.25) China Light (\$8.25) Business in Hongkong Docks was done at \$17, while there was also a good demand for Electric.

The market closed firm with an unabated demand for more shares.

New Science Building.—The wish that its facilities might help to bring success to the University of Hongkong was expressed by Lady Northcote, who cut the green and yellow ribbon.

Tuesday

September 2

Public Inquiry Into A.R.P. Evidence previously given in camera by Miss Mimi Lau, of the Chiap Hua Manufacturing Co., regarding her friendship with Wing Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, was read at the first public meeting to-day of the inquiry into certain facts connected with the architectural branch of the A.R.P. Department.

Miss Lau told the Commission that she first met Wing Commander Steele-Perkins some years ago when she was a reporter, and that subsequently they became very good friends.

Mr. F. C. Carman, Managing Director of Marsman Hongkong China Limited, was examined at length on the contract which his firm obtained from the Government for building the air raid tunnels. He said that the arrangement was for the Government to bear the cost of the equipment and for his firm to receive ten per cent. commission. It was disclosed that up to last month about 40,000 feet of tunnel had been completed, and that over \$3,000,000 had been expended since the work started.

Both Mr. Carman and Mr. Cheng Chik-chi, Manager of the Chiap Hua Manufacturing Co. who also gave evidence, were asked to produce certain books before the Commission at its next meeting.

Table Farewell to H.E. Members of the public, including members of the different communities, gathered in full force at the King's Theatre at noon to-day to bid farewell to His Excellency, Governor Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and Lady Northcote, whose departure, which was to have been to-day, has been postponed because of a change in the sailing date of the ship.

Valentine's addresses were delivered by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson, representing the Legislative Council, and by the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, on behalf of the Chinese.

His Excellency was presented with a blackwood screen, inscribed with a eulogistic address in Chinese, while Lady Northcote was presented with a eulogistic address in English, and a lace cloth and a lace brooch, and a lace tablecloth.

In his reply to the addresses, His Excellency expressed the hope that a Standing Commission would soon be formed to make a scientific study of

the colours of the University, to open the Northcote Science Building to-day.

In his speech, the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, referred to the important part the University played in the training of teachers. His Excellency added that the University was also a means of providing up-to-date cost-of-living statistics and expressed the hope that the University would come more and more into partnership with Government's Social Welfare schemes.

Replying to Sir Geoffrey, the Hon. Mr. Li Tze-fong said that it was more than fitting that the Northcote Science Building, which marked an important stage in the development of the University, should bear the name of one who always took a lively interest in the activities of the institution and in the advancement of education.

Colony's Education.—The question of how many First Year Classes for Vernacular Teachers should be opened at the Evening Institute on October 1st was reconsidered by the Board of Education at its 125th meeting held on Wednesday last. After discussion of various points raised, the Board approved the function of four such classes.

Present at the meeting were Mr. C. G. Solis, Director of Education and Chairman, Mr. J. Ralston (Senior Inspector of Schools), Mr. Y. P. Law (Inspector of Vernacular Schools), Dr. J. M. Gray (Medical Officer of Schools), Prof. L. Forster (Professor of Education, Hongkong University), Mr. T. R. Rowell (Principal of Northcote Training College), Mr. B. W. Wylie, Mr. A. E. Arcull, the Hon. Mr. Li Tze-fong, the Hon. Mr. D. J. Sloss, Mr. Lo Tung-fan, the Very Rev. Fr. R. W. Gallagher, Mr. G. A. Goodham, and Mr. L. G. Morgan (Secretary).

The Chairman announced that the Rev. J. R. Higgs had left the Colony and that the letter should be sent thanking him for the services he had rendered to the Board.

The Draft Estimates for 1942/43 as recommended by the Estimates Subcommittee were considered and approved.

The Board re-considered the question of how many First Year Classes for Vernacular Teachers should be opened at the Evening Institute in October next. The previous decision had been to limit this number to two, but Mr. Y. P. Law's report now showed that four classes would be necessary if training was to be given to more than two years' service, at present serving in subsidised schools. It was felt that the compulsory retirement of such teachers from their present schools would be enforced, but at the same time care must be taken not to prejudice the employment of future graduates from the Northcote Training College. After discussion of these points the Board approved the function of four new first year classes at the Evening Institute in October, 1941. It was emphasised, however, that all entrants to these classes must have taught for more than two years in an approved Hongkong school, and have reached the necessary academic standard, and that failure to pass during the course would necessitate the termination of their services.

The Board also considered the question of control of School Tuck-shops.

Review Of

The Principal Topics Aug 31 To Sept 6

Wednesday

September 3

Husbands Meet Again. At a meeting in which feeling alternated between indignation and good-humour Hongkong's bachelor-husbands to-day decided to make representations for a public inquiry into conduct of the evacuation of their wives and families.

The meeting was held in the Peninsula Hotel Room at 6 p.m. There was a meagre crowd at the beginning, but it soon increased and swelled to an attendance of about 350.

The Chairman first submitted a report on the Committee's interview with the Governor on Tuesday when a letter summarising the husbands' point of view was presented to him. At this interview the Governor declared that he favoured the continued existence of the Committee as a mode of communication of the husbands' feelings, but reassured that revocation of the evacuation ban was a matter, not for him, but for the British Government, which had imposed it.

The problem of what next to do to further their design then confronted the husbands. The most assertive suggestion was made by Mr. J. Thompson, who advocated that they should "down tools" for a limited period. This would awaken the interest of the Home Press, he argued.

The mildest counsel was offered by Mr. R. J. Clark, who suggested that they might soft-pedal in their campaign until they saw the result of present conversations concerning the Far East. "Let us hold on," he said. "A month will settle it all, one way or the other."

Immediate warm approval greeted the proposal that a public inquiry should be advocated—not, as Mr. W. V. Taylor interpolated into the "Why?" but into the "How?" of the evacuation.

One speaker's dissatisfaction that, while wives were not permitted to return, menfolk were debarred from leaving the Colony if they wished led to a second resolution that the Government should be urged to allow those who wished to do so to leave the Colony.

A.R.P. Inquiry Revelations. The revelation that a tender for the manufacture of concrete blocks at 38 cents each was rejected and one at 49 1/2 cents accepted was made at the resumed inquiry into certain matters connected with the Air Raid Precautions architectural branch to-day, when evidence was given by Y. Yankwal, of the Sang Lee Contractors, and Cheng Chik-chi and Lam But Chung, Manager and Sub-Manager respectively of the Chiap Hua Manufacturing Company.

It was also suggested that blocks containing cracks had been put into the A.R.P. walls built at street corners and on the edges of pavements in the Colony, and the Chairman of the Commission announced that some of these would be torn down for testing purposes.

The two officials of the Chiap Hua Manufacturing Company were questioned at length on supplies to the A.R.P. Department and on "dinners given by them at two of which both Wing Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, and Mr. D. L. Newbigging, former Controller of Food, were said to have been present.

The Chairman stated that Miss Mimi Lau, an employee of the Chiap Hua Company at a salary of \$230, within the space of six months had been able to save \$5,000. When the Director of the Company was questioned on this point, Mr. G. C. M. Tsim, Manager, said that Miss Lau had been given a bonus of \$5,000 for her services in the construction of the air raid tunnels, and that this was in accordance with the A.R.P. Department's policy of rewarding efficient workers.

Thursday

September 4

Military Funeral. Full Military honours were accorded the late Capt. C. G. Richards, R.E., who was buried at the Colonial Cemetery to-day. Capt. Richards was the victim of Typhoon North Point, and died on the morning of the funeral.

The funeral procession was led by an escort of 40 men drawn from the Royal Engineers, followed by the Band of the 2nd Battalion Royal Scots. The coffin, draped with the Union Jack and carrying Capt. Richards' cap, was borne by four soldiers, and was conveyed on a gun-carriage.

Capt. S. J. Squires, Military Chaplain, officiated, and following a short service, six buglers of the Royal Scots sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

The late Capt. Richards had been about 20 years service in the British Army, and had been in Hongkong more than three and a half years. It was only this week that he was promoted to the rank of Captain.

From his work, the late Capt. Richards was keenly interested in Lawn Bowls, although he did not play in the league. He was a member of the Civil Service Cricket Club and played his bowls there.

Capt. Richards leaves a wife and three children, who are at present in Australia.

Besides officers of deceased's Regiment and representatives of other regiments, others present included Messrs R. Newbigging, D. Kossick, E. Abraham, S. G. Smith, V. Komaroff and S. Shiroff.

Witnesses from "Mother" and "His sorrowing wife, Dorothy, Peter, Ann and Jim" were interviewed with the case.

Witnesses were sent by Major-General C. M. Maltby, Major and Mrs. W. W. Parsons and Betty; Major L. W. Simes, R.E.; Capt. and Mrs. Howard; Capt. A. H. Martin, R.E.; Capt. A. G. Houghton, R.E.; Lieutenant G. Pope, R.E.; Lieutenant and Mrs. Rowell and Gwendolene; Lt. Col. D. J. McDougall and Officers; 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; Capt. and Mrs. G. J. Hurrie; T. Lawrence; A. A. G. Moran; Lt. D. Sidaner; J. E. Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. Jessop; Staff Officers, China Command; 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; O. C. Military Hospital, and Officers, R.A.M.C.; All Ranks, Fortress R.E.; The Staff of D.C.R.E. Defence; C.R.P. Staff; The Chief Engineer and Staff, Headquarters, China Command; Officers, Fortress R.E.; D.C.R.E. Staff; R.E. W.O.s and S.N. C.O.s; Mess; C. G. Maltby, Major and Mrs. W. W. Parsons; Major L. W. Simes, R.E.; J.N.C.O.s; Club; No. 82 M.F. W. Class; The Chartered Surveyors Institution, Hongkong and Chinese Building and Engineering Brethren of the Victoria Lodge of

Hongkong, President, Committee and members of Kowloon Cricket Club. A.R.P. Public Inquiry. Questions relating to the manufacture of concrete blocks by the Sang Lee Contractors, the dumping of stones and earth by an unknown person near the sea wall in North Point, and dinners given by the Chiap Hua Manufacturing Company, were asked at the resumed inquiry into certain matters connected with the A.R.P. architectural branch to-day.

Lam Wai, foreman employed by Sang Lee, told the Commission that, although he had no previous experience for that kind of work, he was put in charge of the manufacture of concrete blocks. He described the process under which the blocks were made, and added that a P.W.D. official made an inspection once or twice a week.

That he did not know who dumped the stones near the sea wall in North Point, which his workmen made use of without payment, was in evidence given by Wong San-yu, sub-contractor to Sang Lee. Witness said that several tons of lorry-loads of earth and stones were dumped there every day but he did not know the name of the "benefactor."

Cheng Chik-chi, Manager of the Chiap Hua Manufacturing Co., spoke of a birthday party given by him to Wing Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins was invited, while his Assistant Manager, Lam But-chung, was again questioned at length in connection with the supplies to the A.R.P. Department. He also stated that he avoided becoming acquainted with Miss Mimi Lau for fear his Manager might become jealous.

Extortion Charges. Hearing of charges against C. J. E. Scott, 23, a Revenue Officer, and two Chinese Revenue Officers, Fok Man-chang, 23, and Fok Yung-chai, 22, was continued before Mr. A. N. Macfadyen at day.

Defendants are charged with conspiracy to obtain money from certain citizens of Hongkong by means of extortion, and with demanding \$100, \$50 and \$150, from different persons, with menaces.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for Defendants, and Del-Inpector J. C. Cunningham, assisted by Det-Sgt R. Macve, prosecuted.

In applying for the withdrawal of the first charge, Mr. Silva pointed out that the charge was very vague and far-reaching, and that it was particularly certain citizens of Hongkong might mean any persons.

The Inspector stated that he had received no instructions to withdraw the charge.

Mr. Silva then asked his Worship to make a note of his objection.

Friday

September 5

Sergeant of Royal Scots Laid to Rest. Sergeant J. C. Elliott of the Royal Scots, who was found shot dead with a service rifle beside his body at Victoria Barracks, was buried to-day in the Colonial Cemetery.

The funeral procession left the Military Hospital about 5.45 p.m., led by a detachment of men from the Royal Scots, carrying the coffin draped with the Union Jack and carrying Sergeant Elliott's garrison, belt and side-arms, was mounted on a gun-carriage which was followed by a large contingent of men of the Regiment.

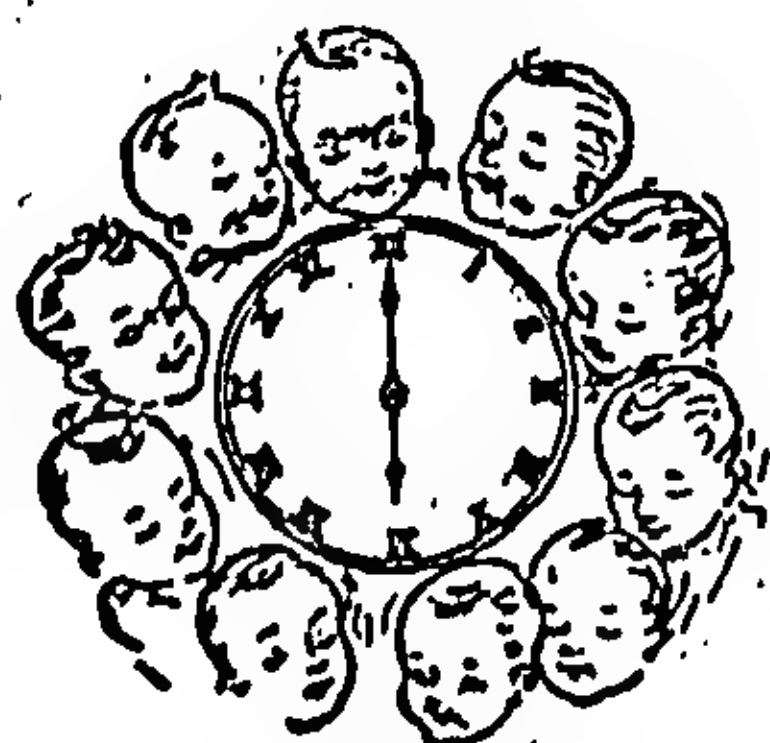
The Pipe Major of the Royal Scots played a lament between the firing of three volleys, and after the salute by the band, a detachment of six buglers of the Regiment sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

The late Sergeant Elliott came to Hongkong with his Regiment about six years ago and had many friends, both in military and civil circles.

He leaves a widow and a baby girl of about two years, both evacuees in Australia.

Lt. Col. D. J. McDougall, Officer Commanding, Royal Scots, Major H. C. Harland and Major and Mrs. S.E.H.E. White were among the large number of guests who were present. There were representatives of other Regiments.

Floral tributes were sent by "Wife and Baby," Brigadier J. T. V. Reeve and Staff Officers, Hongkong Infantry Brigade; The Officer Commanding 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots; Officers of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots; Lt. Col. and Mrs. D. J. McDougall; Major S.E.H.E. White; Captain N. H. Cuthbertson; Captain R. J. Campbell; All Ranks, A.R.P. Company; R.S. All Ranks "B" Company; R.S. All Ranks "C" Company; R.S. All Ranks "D" Company; R.S. All Ranks "E" Company; R.S. All Ranks "F" Company; R.S. All Ranks "G" Company; R.S. All Ranks "H" Company; R.S. All Ranks "I" Company; R.S. All Ranks "J" Company; R.S. All Ranks "K" Company; R.S. All Ranks "L" Company; R.S. All Ranks "M" Company; R.S. All Ranks "N" Company; R.S. All Ranks "O" Company; R.S. All Ranks "P" Company; R.S. All Ranks "Q" Company; R.S. All Ranks "R" Company; R.S. All Ranks "S" Company; R.S. All Ranks "T" Company; R.S. All Ranks "U" Company; R.S. All Ranks "V" Company; R.S. All Ranks "W" Company; R.S. All Ranks "X" Company; R.S. 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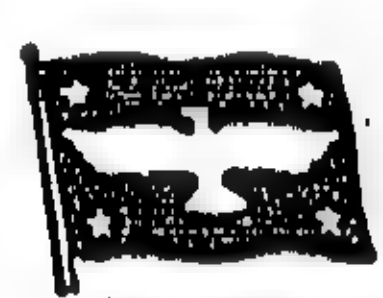


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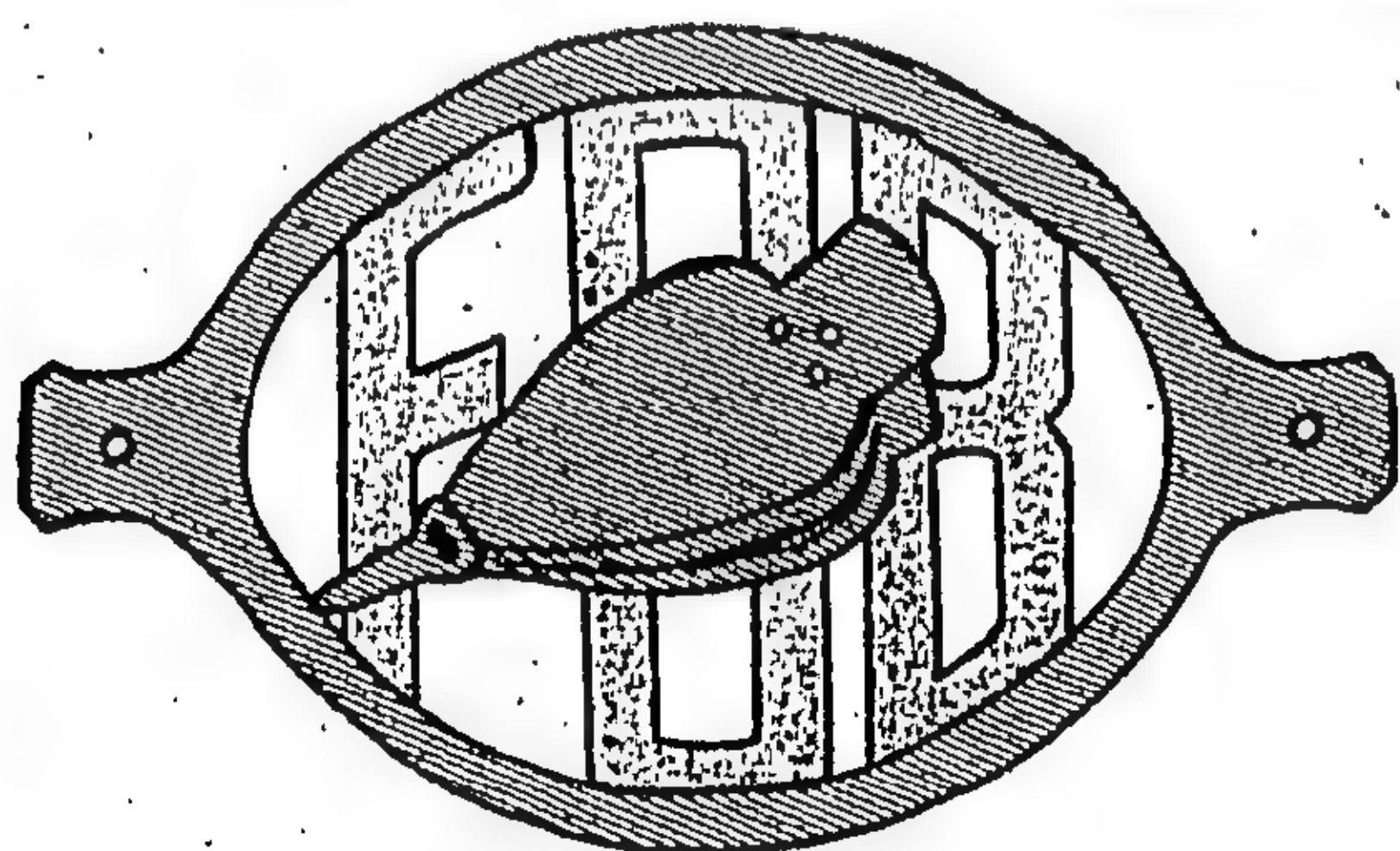
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MOMENTOUS DAYS AHEAD

THE third year of World War II opens in an atmosphere promising momentous happenings and decisions, the impact of which will be felt by almost every country in the universe. It opens with the democracies stronger materially and spiritually than they were a year ago and the Axis proportionately weaker; for each part of the world something of special significance is happening.

For America, it is the Greer incident and the possible repercussions therefrom; will it hasten the entry of the United States into the conflict, or will it serve only to make more energetic and determined America's material efforts to aid Britain and Russia?

For Britain, the third year opens with more and more men being called away from private work to active soldiering, their places to be filled by women; does this presage the long-awaited invasion of the Continent?

For Japan the crucial topic of the day is the likely outcome of the present negotiations between her and the United States which were initiated by the personal note from Prince Konoye to President Roosevelt. If best informed observers are correct in their analysis, the results of these negotiations may determine the prolonged existence or sudden death of the Konoye Cabinet.

For China, the start of the third year of the European war brings renewed encouragement to continue her magnificent fight against Japanese aggression, knowing full well that more and more assistance is forthcoming from the democracies to this end.

Hongkong's interests are bound up with those of the mother country and the rest of the Empire. But this war anniversary brings also with it a domestic pre-occupation. A Governor has just departed and a new administrator is arriving this week; he comes at an acute moment and his task is going to be no sinecure. Happily he can depend upon the fullest measure of support and encouragement from the community which, despite its concern over local problems, which are having a big influence on

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SPOTLIGHT ON TOKYO TODAY

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IS JAPAN NOW DESPERATE?

BY H. O. THOMPSON

Japan for a decade has than dishonour, would be prepared to take if circumstances brought them to it.

The effect of that psychology on American policy became apparent when President Roosevelt said, "If we had cut the oil off they probably would have gone down to the Dutch East Indies a year ago and you would have had war."

In the event of a war between Japan and the United States, the American Fleet would have to tackle Japan from the south. A straight-away dash across the Pacific from Hawaii to Japan proper would violate naval strategy. An attacking fleet, to get at Japan, would have to take the slow approach from the south to keep open lines of communication and to establish operating bases as the advance progressed.

A war against America is an ever-present fear of the Japanese of to-day. Japan's naval leaders believe they can cope with the American Navy because of the distances the Americans would have to travel before striking at Japan. With bases at Camranh Bay, Saigon, Spratley Islands and Hainan—all in the path of naval invasion from the Union. I sounded out Mr. Yoshizawa, a former Foreign Minister and one of Japan's top-ranking diplomats, on the subject.

Japan, then, is combining defensive manoeuvres with her so-called southward policy. It seems unlikely that Japan has any immediate designs on either the East Indies or Singapore.

Any move southward from Indo-China would be a desperate gamble. But it would be a gamble which the Japanese, with their sense of "face" and preference for death rather than life, remains steadfastly loyal to the bigger issue—a maximum effort to help Britain and the Empire win the war and restore peace in the Pacific. Nothing must be allowed to impede that effort.

Accepting Mr. Yoshizawa's definition of a desperate situation, Japan seems certainly to

Young Huns Taught To Be Brutal

Long before the Nazis publicly clamoured for the return of their colonies, bewildered German parents were asked to give their sons an education that would make them into "good colonial administrators."

Quite a number of German fathers and mothers who accepted this advice were not less surprised to hear that their sons were being trained to be toughs to an extent that was not even expected from a real Stormtrooper.

This school for German colonial experts saw to it that its pupils should know all about the history of German colonial

activity. Yet no teacher told the boys that Hitler's historical idols, Frederick the Great and Bismarck, had pronounced strongly against overseas possessions.

Nor did they reveal that Germany, at its peak as a colonial power, had imported from the colonies less than two-thirds percent of its total imports and that, when Germany finally entered the race for colonies, it picked only those which had strategic value and menaced French or British overseas possessions or communications.

Guided by Hitler's old friend, General Epp, who had aided and abetted the Nazis in their early Munich days, a shadow colonial organisation sprang up to take over one day where Germany left off when the Great War began.

This organisation left little doubt that the Nazis would return to the old German methods.

Men like General Trotha, the German boss of West Africa, became the new heroes. He was the man responsible for the Herero Massacre.

Only 15,000 remained of 85,000 of these unfortunate people after the Germans had finished with them. "Make no prisoners," said Trotha. "Kill every one."

Now General von Epp, who has tried to revive this old spirit in young Nazis, to teach them new cruelties to exceed those employed against the Jews, comes out of the shadow as Nazi Germany's first Minister for Colonies.

He does not think merely of Germany's old colonies which Hitler once hoped to reconquer. The new Nazi Minister aims higher and farther: the whole of Africa, British, French, Belgian, South African possessions; in short, everything is to be Nazified.

Administrators are ready for every job, Colonial police and troops have undergone special training. The Gestapo will, according to Epp's plans, operate in the jungles, whence they derive their conception of law and order, anyway!—From John Bull.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play
AND
How to Win

—By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON—

Unorthodox but Brilliant

THE Culbertson table of leads is a general guide that will be effective in the great majority of cases. As proof, however, that no table or rule can be devised that will do a player's thinking for him, I commend the following deal to my readers' attention:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
Match-point duplicate.

♠ A 7
♥ Q 6 2
♦ Q 6 4
♣ A J 10 9

♠ Q J 5 4
♥ A K 7
♦ 10 9 8
♣ 8 5 2

♠ 9 6 3 2
♥ J 10 4 3
♦ J 8 3 2
♣ Q

♠ K 10 8
♥ Q 8 5
♦ A K 7
♣ A 4 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
 3 NT Pass 4 NT Pass

In a twelve table duplicate game, every North-South pair reached the identical three notrump contract, and probably by the same bidding sequence. Unbelievable as it may seem, eleven declarers brought home their contracts without having been called on for so much as a finesse. The twelfth was "fired to the queen's taste" by the opening lead.

At eleven tables West chose the normal orthodox lead of the club. East had to cover with the singleton queen, and in every case declarer ducked. Unable to return a club, East had to shift and it was the simplest possible matter for declarer to set his spades established before West could run the club suit. The unfortunate twelfth declarer saw a different card led originally.

At his table West firmly laid down the club king. Note the diabolical effect of that lead.

East's queen fitted neatly underneath the king and now, whether or not declarer held up the ace, he was "sunk." West was in a position to establish his club suit before losing his spade ace, and there was nothing declarer could do but accept defeat as graciously as possible.

Now let us see whether the lead was well calculated or merely lucky. What did West have to lose by selecting the club king instead of any other club? If South had the club queen in addition to the ace, the lead of the king would neither lose nor gain. The same applied to the holding of the guarded queen by either dummy or East. If the queen were blank in either dummy or East's hand, however, the king lead was vital. The only danger of leading the king was to find East with the ace, and declarer with the queen. In that case, the king lead would lose the chance to trap the queen. But surely this was an unlikely contingency; considering the bidding, it was at least four to one that either declarer or dummy held the club ace.

To-morrow's Hand
 West dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 7 4 3
♥ 6
♦ Q 7 4 3 2
♣ 8 5 4

♠ 8 5
♥ Q 3 2
♦ Q K Q
♣ 10

♠ K 10 8
♥ 7 4
♦ 8 5
♣ 10 7 3

How should this hand be bid?

Barelegged Women In St Peter's

BERNE, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It is learned from the Vatican City that shortage of women's stockings in Italy has caused a minor revolution in Catholic traditions.

To-day the Vatican authorities permitted women to enter St Peter's without stockings.

The decision, which was based on the almost complete lack of stockings in Italy except for women able to pay exorbitant prices, will probably be applied to all Italian churches.

Britons End Air Courses In America

Now Preparing For Advanced Training

LAKELAND, Fla., Aug. 16.—Two groups of Royal Air Force cadets, the first to complete primary flight training in this country, left to-day for Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala., to receive basic training.

A group of fifty-three was graduated at the Riddle Aeronautical School at Arcadia last night. A group of seventy-five was graduated at the Lakeland School of Aeronautics to-day. Both groups merged for the trip to Alabama.

At the Lakeland ceremony the diplomas were delivered by Governor Spessard L. Holland. Shirlin in the graduation was Fred J. Elser of Astoria, L. I., whose training had been set back by a leg injury. At the request of the British cadets, Governor Holland handed the first diploma to the American.

Fight For Right
Addressing the British cadets, Governor Holland, who won the Distinguished Service Medal as an aviator in France in the last war, said:

"We think of you as eagles going out to fight for the right. There are some fliers over yonder who are vultures instead of eagles. They are brutal representatives of totalitarianism who have no regard for the human decencies.

"We are drawn closer to you. I remember how happy I was to return home after the war. It was a happy homecoming and I wish every one of you a happy homecoming."

Group Captain D. V. Carnegie, director of British air training in the United States, spoke at the ceremonies in Arcadia and here.

St Leger Favourite Beaten By Head

MANCHESTER, Sept. 6 (Reuter).—A record crowd, including hundreds of Lancashire war workers, watched a brief battle from their labour, to-day saw Sun Castle win the St Leger, the last classic of the season, beating Chateau La Rose by a head in a thrilling finish.

Sun Castle is owned by Lord Portal, who has an important job in the Ministry of Supply. The owner of Chateau La Rose is Mr. Harry Morris, Shanghai business man.

Lord Glanville's Dancing Time, the only filly in the race, finished third, one length behind.

Devonian was clear of the field at the half-mile post, but Mazarin took the lead on entering the straight. Mazarin still held command two furlongs from home, then Chateau La Rose went to the front just below the distance but was immediately challenged by Sun Castle and Dancing Time in a great finish with Sun Castle just forging ahead.

Sun Castle covered the mile and six furlongs course in 3 mins 4 2/5 seconds. Mazarin had every chance when he took the lead on entering the straight but failed to stay the pace which was increased in the last furlong.

Huts For Winter Campaign

ANKARA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Finnish, Hungarian and Rumanian saw raids are busy producing thousands of standardised wooden huts which the Germans have ordered for use in Russia during the winter. The need for these huts is demonstrated in the film of the Russian war which the German Embassy recently showed to Turkish journalists who are amazed by the fact that they saw not a single hut standing throughout the film. The huts are being made without windows with an air space between the inner and the outer walls in order to keep out the intense cold.

Call To Jews

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz is issuing a call to all Jewish communities throughout the British Empire to join in a "work of re-dedication" in a period culminating in a day of atonement.

The week will be inaugurated by broadcast addresses on September 21 and 22.

Japanese Silence On Oil Tankers

SHANGHAI, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The arrival of two American tankers at Vladivostok with oil for Russia has not so far been reported in any Japanese newspaper as the result of action taken by Japanese censorship, according to foreign reports reaching Shanghai.



RUSSIANS GO TO WAR—This is one of the first pictures sent by radio from Moscow to New York, a distance of 4,750 miles, as a radiophoto transmission test. It shows a Soviet motor cycle squad moving up to the front.

Gracie Fields Back In England And Hearts Of Her Countrymen

LONDON, July 16.—Gracie Fields, who six months ago was regarded critically hereabouts, is back in Britain and the hearts of her countrymen.

Gracie's songs have cheered soldiers of two wars, but she was criticised in the press and the House of Commons during the last year because she remained in North America.

Patriotism And Football Being Made To Combine

An inquiry into the status of representatives of clubs affiliated to the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, via-a-via their relationships with the Chungking Government, will soon be conducted, as the result of a resolution passed at the monthly meeting of the Federation last week.

It was learned from Mr Mok King, the President, yesterday that the matter was first brought up by a representative of the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents' Union, who proposed two rules.

One of which was to the effect that any club which is a member of the federation should lose its membership status if its registration has either been cancelled or refused by the Chungking Government. The other rule was that any representative of a club affiliated to the Federation whose actions have been found contrary to the interests of the Chungking Government or who has been censured or disapproved by that Government should lose its representative status in the Federation.

These rules were passed on the first evening, but when they came to their second reading one member commented, in regard to the first one, that while he was entirely in favour of it, he would like to have the wording made clearer.

The views of this member, according to Mr Mok, were that the majority of the 11 clubs who are members of the Federation were not registered with the Chungking Government. Besides, there was nothing in the rules to compel a club to register, and therefore it would be impossible to carry the proposed resolution, as it was worded, into effect.

Heated Discussion
A heated discussion, said Mr Mok, then followed during which it was suggested that the proposal be referred into the minutes instead of being passed as a rule. The representative of the Residents' Union, however, insisted, said Mr Mok, on his proposal being passed as it stood, and he was supported by 11 of the 30 representatives present, but the rules of the Federation required a two-thirds majority and therefore it was defeated.

Subsequently, the Residents' Union resigned from the Federation as a result of this disagreement. Mr Mok emphasised that practically all the members were in favour of the idea behind the proposal and that the only disagreement was on the way in which it was worded.

The Federation later held another meeting at which it was agreed to amend the wording of the proposal to read in effect that any club acting contrary to the interests of the Chungking Government or which has been declared by the Government to be so doing or whose registration has either been cancelled or refused by the Government, should lose its membership status in the Federation. This proposal was passed.

Inquiry
In regard to the second proposal of the Residents' Union, which was also adopted, Mr Mok said that a representative of the Eastern Athletic Association suggested that an inquiry be held into the status of each representative in the Federation, via-a-via their relationships with the Chungking Government. This suggestion was approved and the Federation has appointed a special committee, comprising one member from each affiliated club, to conduct the inquiry.

It was learned that the Federation has on its membership list 11 clubs, each of which is entitled to have five representatives on the council.

Mackenzie King In Canada

OTTAWA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Mr W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Minister, arrived in Montreal from London to-day.

When he alighted from a transport plane of the R.A.F. Ferry Command, he was greeted by Mr E. Lapointe, Minister of Justice, and Mr C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions.

Belgian Children Spend Summer In Swiss Mountains

BRUSSELS—Hundreds of Belgian boys and girls have been travelling from Brussels to Switzerland to enjoy three months in the Swiss mountains at the expense of Swiss families.

This charitable project has been carried out by the Swiss Organisation for Helping Child Victims of the War. The intention is to give the young guests good plain wholesome food and an outdoor life under the most attractive conditions. Children selected are mainly those of soldiers who have been killed, wounded, or taken prisoner in the war.

Netherlands, too, are taking an interest in Belgian children. Last year Dutch people of the town of Breda, who had taken temporary refuge in Belgium during the German invasion and had received liberal food and shelter at Antwerp, showed their gratitude by offering to receive several hundred poor children from Antwerp and entertain them during the months of June, July and August.

Arrangements were made with the Department of the Interior at The Hague to increase the rations for those families which had young Belgian guests staying with them.

U.S. Gasoline Goes To Dakar

For Civilian Use

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Mr Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, disclosed to-day that, under a special arrangement, a French tanker had landed 2,000 tons of American gasoline at Dakar, French West Africa.

The gasoline is for civilian use, was landed with the full approval of the British, and its distribution will be supervised by an American control officer.

Mr Welles emphasized that the arrangement was for one shipment only, and that the agreement between the United States and France for resumption of trade with French North Africa had not been extended to include Dakar.

The tanker was the Scheherazade which was seized by the British in May and held at Bermuda until the new agreement covering shipments to Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia had been worked out.

Nazis Said Building Sub Bases in Canary Islands

Joe Congress, on WBYN recently relayed an eye-witness report of Nazi war preparations on Spain's Canary Islands—where Nazi bases could be just as great a threat to U.S. security as Nazi bases on Iceland.

Mr Congress quoted a person recently returned from the islands, which are just off the coast of Morocco.

"This eyewitness states," he said, "that Spanish troops, under German direction, are rushing construction of fortifications in the Canary Islands. These fortifications include placing of eight-inch gun batteries at strategic points along the coasts of the islands and an elaborate system of trenches and breastworks. The work has been intensified since President Roosevelt's speech in which he referred to America's Atlantic outpost."

The major construction is going on on the islands of Grand Canary and Tenerife. Large sections of the coast have been declared defense areas and the local population is forbidden to visit them. On Fuerteventura, what the authorities describe as a "fish packing" factory is being rushed to completion.

Used As A Base
This island is believed by the Spaniards in the Canary Islands to be used as a German and Italian submarine refueling base. Since entrance to the district where the construction is proceeding is barred to the public, the new building is believed to be installations for a major submarine base.

Shipping Menaced

Mr Congress said that the Spanish garrison numbered about 8,000, and that reinforcements were expected. The importance of this news, he pointed out, was that U-boats stationed on the Canary Islands would menace American shipping to the British Middle East—where American ships are now reported arriving at the rate of one a day.

Summary Of Week's Air Warfare

Europe & Mid. East

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—R.A.F. losses in the European zone last week showed a considerable drop compared with several previous weeks although their western offensive continued unabated.

Losses in Western Europe and the Middle East last week were 38 Axis and 40 R.A.F. Twenty-eight R.A.F. bombers failed to return from raids over Germany and occupied territory and attacks on shipping.

R.A.F. fighters destroyed 14 Messerschmitts for the loss of 11. In the Middle East, 20 Axis bombers and fighters were destroyed for the loss of seven R.A.F. machines. On several sweeps, fighter pilots reported that Messerschmitts refused to fight and it appears that the Luftwaffe chief is trying to conserve pilots.

Enemy Escort Ship Blows Up

Supply Vessel On Fire

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—An escort vessel was blown up and a supply ship was set on fire off the Dutch coast to-day, according to an Air Ministry communique.

The communique states: "Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked an enemy supply ship, and an escort vessel off the Dutch coast early this afternoon. The escort vessel was hit and blew up and the supply ship was set on fire."

"An enemy fighter was destroyed by our escorting fighters. Our fighters also carried out several offensive sweeps over Northern France in the course of which they destroyed a second enemy fighter."

"In these operations we lost two Blenheims and two fighters."

Fires Across Channel
LONDON, Sept. 8 (Reuter).—Flames from a chain of fires reddened the sky above Boulogne last night and watchers on the Kent coast believe that R.A.F. bombers gave the invasion ports a 90-minute bombing in brilliant daylight.

Thousands of people from Ramsgate to Dungeness had a grandstand view of the attack, for visibility was exceptionally clear.

Searchlights tried to pick out the R.A.F. raiders and batteries of anti-aircraft guns flashed into action all the way from Boulogne to Cap Gris Nez.

At 11.30 p.m. after the last of the raiders had re-crossed the Channel, big fires were burning more fiercely than ever.

Nazi-Turkish Trade Talks

Delegation To Ankara

ISTANBUL, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Dr Clodius the German trade negotiator, has now arrived here by air at the head of a large delegation including nine economic experts. They are proceeding to-morrow to Ankara where talks will take place. The Turkish delegates will be headed by Mr Kishinev, Counselor of the Ministry of Commerce.

It is believed that the new agreement envisages transactions valued at about 220,000,000 based on the barter system. In view of defects in the means of transport and the difficulty of communications by land and sea it is considered that the Germans will be unable to derive all the advantages hoped for from the agreement.

Chrome Surplus

ANKARA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It is learned in Turkish business circles that the Germans are likely to press for chrome which Germany does not need at present but wants to purchase in order to strike a diplomatic blow at Britain who according to an agreement which however, expires shortly unless renewed, was granted the right to purchase all Turkey's exportable surplus of chrome.

MEN OF SCIENCE IN WORLD OF TO-MORROW

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Representatives of Britain and the Empire, the United States, Soviet Russia and China will meet at a three-day scientific conference in London on September 20-23 "to demonstrate the common purpose of men of science in ensuring a post-war order in which the maximum benefits of science can be secured for all people."

Mr John Winant, M. Molotov, and Dr Wellington Koo are the American, Russian and Chinese Ambassadors who will preside at some of the sessions.

Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France will also be represented, and exiled scientists from Germany and Austria will probably also be present.

Ex-President Dead

HAYANA, Sept. 7 (UP).—The former President of Cuba, Senor Mario Garcia Menocal, 78, died here to-day.

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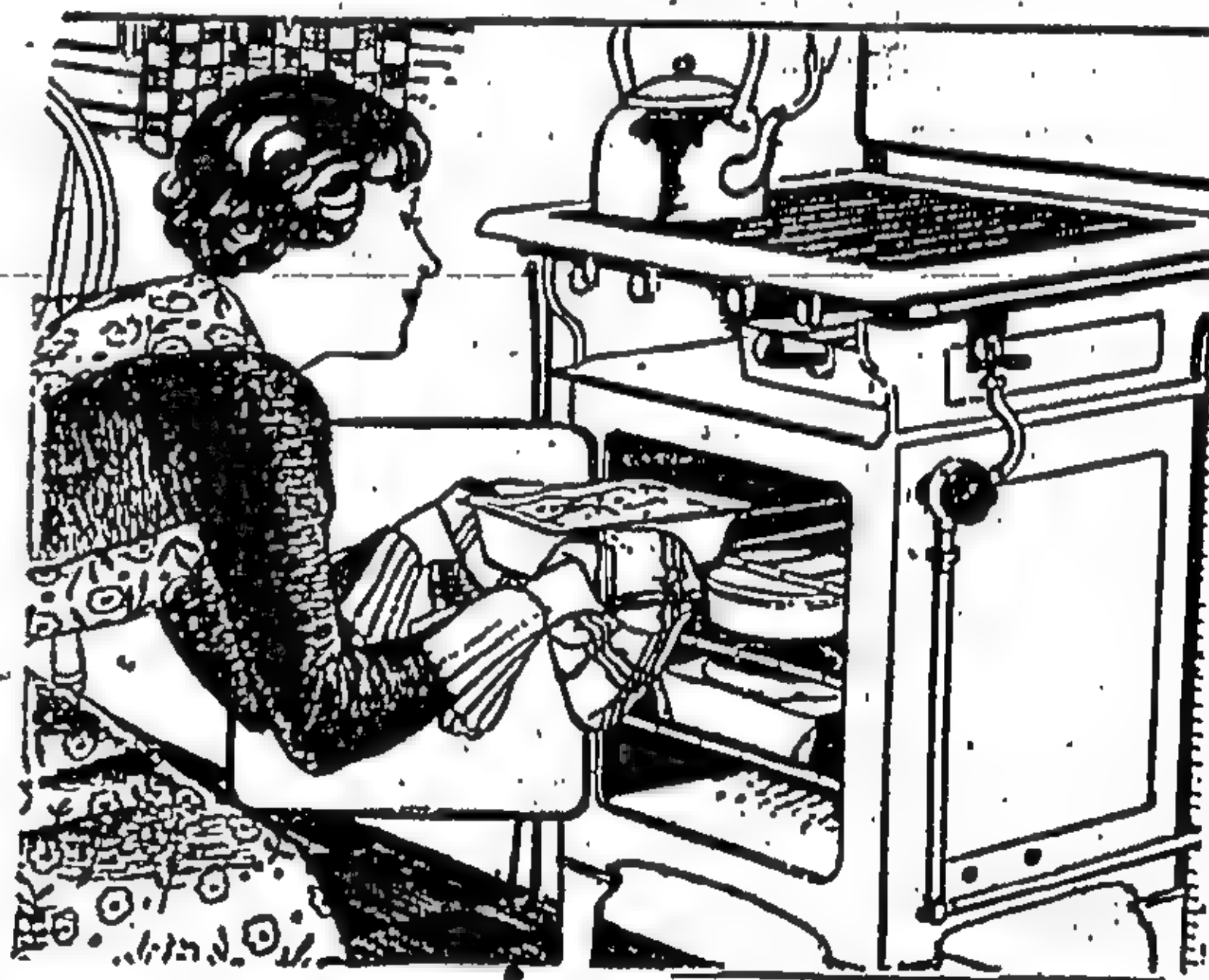
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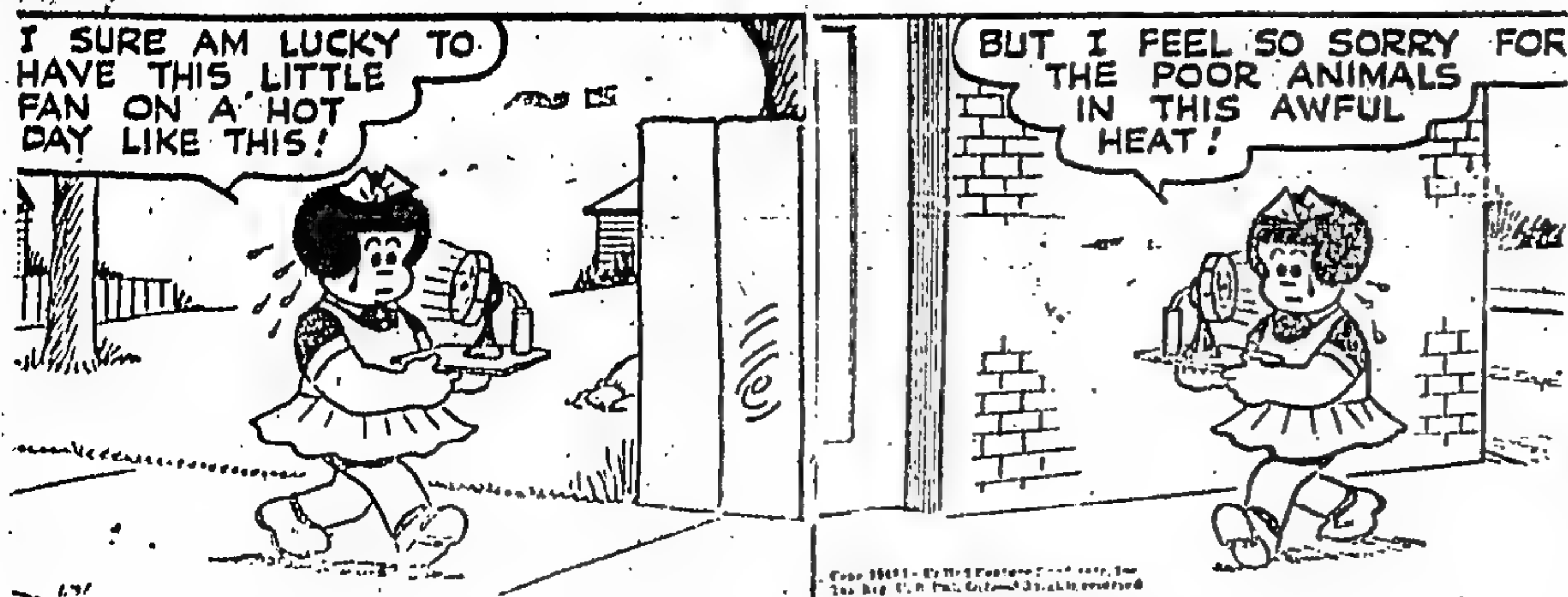
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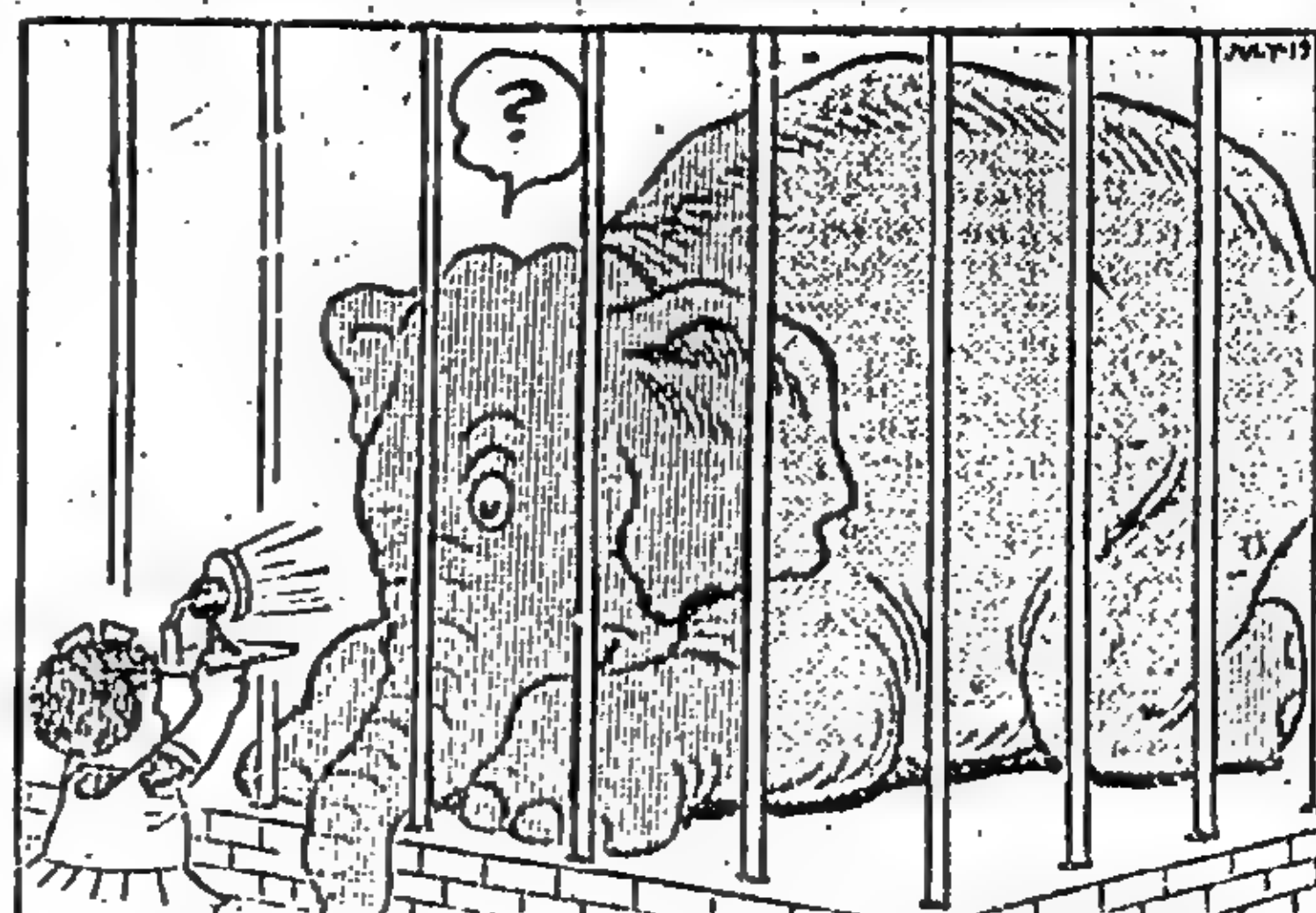
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By Ernie Bushmiller



Economic War Came As A Shock To Japanese

TOKYO, July 26.—Within a few hours after President Roosevelt's order freezing Japanese assets and credits in the United States was announced, the Japanese Government retaliated by freezing the assets and credits of American and Philippine nationals and corporations within the Japanese Empire. The government was in consultation with the Manchukuoan and Nanking regimes to extend the freezing operation in their territories as well, writes Otto D. Tolischus in the "New York Times."

Therewith, in the view of Japanese official quarters, business circles and the press, have begun an open economic war between the United States and the British Empire on the one hand and the Japanese Empire and the areas it controls on the other hand. It is expected to wither whatever international trade remains and in the words of the ultranationalist Nichi Nichi is but "one step from armed warfare."

It was obvious that not only to the uninformed Japanese public but even to otherwise well-informed business quarters the various developments of the day came as a profound shock.

In point of fact there were indications that President Roosevelt's swift action had surprised even the government, which, though it had taken some precautionary measures to meet the consequences of its move on French Indo-China, had been rather hopefully relying on former Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka's past assurances of America's passivity and on the influence of American isolationists. These latter have been commanding considerable attention in the Japanese press.

No Further Aggravation

At the same time perhaps the most notable feature of the situation is that, except for some alarming newspaper statements, there is no desire in any Japanese quarters to aggravate the situation any further. Business circles even express the hope that the American decrees may leave some loopholes for a modicum of trade on a cash basis.

In respect to its advance into French Indo-China, the government, both in its official announcement and in a radio broadcast by Dr. Nobutomi Ito, president of the Information Board, who is sometimes referred to as the "Japanese Goebbels," has emphasized that Japan was acting in "self-defence" and in perfect agreement with the Vichy government.

The official announcement stressed France's consistent friendly cooperation.



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tion with Japan and the long-standing friendly relations between Japan and French Indo-China, antedating Japan's century-long self-isolation. It asserted, however, that new developments in Europe and East Asia were threatening the security of French Indo-China, which in self-defence neither Japan nor France could overlook.

Negotiations Called Friendly

For that reason, the announcement continued, Japan opened up negotiations with Vichy, which, it said, progressed smoothly in a friendly atmosphere and led to the conclusion on July 21 of a joint defence agreement for Indo-China, the exact nature of which was not specified.

"Japan and France," the announcement says, "thus have been ushered into more intimate relations with each other, with French Indo-China serving as their connecting link. Needless to say, it will greatly contribute toward the stabilization of co-existence and co-prosperity in Greater East Asia."

"It scarcely needs reiteration that the Japanese Government intends strictly to observe the various existing agreements between Japan and France concerning French Indo-China and to respect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of French Indo-China, and Japan will put forth an increasing effort to promote friendly relations between Japan and France, thereby realizing the common prosperity of the two countries."

No Direct Charges

Government quarters have been careful to refrain from any direct charges against either the United States or Britain. The press, however, asserts that French Indo-China was threatened with the fate of Syria because of British measures, and a large de Gaulle element in Saigon as well as concentrations of Chungking troops on the north.

In the view of some seasoned observers here the Japanese advance into French Indo-China might in fact be more a flanking move to cut off the last communications of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the "last big push" advocated by Major Gen. Shunroku Hata, Japanese Commander in Chief in China, to "settle the China incident," which is still Japan's primary concern rather than another step in Japan's southward advance.

But the government radio suggested today that Britain might undertake the "military oppression" of Thailand as a counter measure to the Japanese step. This suggestion holds ominous possibilities.

Effects of Order

As to the American and British freezing order, it is generally admitted here that it is bound to have a crippling effect on Japan's trade, not only with the United States and the British Empire but also with South America. It will necessitate a drastic readjustment and more cash payments, even within the "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere," where balances still have been settled in New York dollars. But Finance Minister Matsuoka Ogura, in a reassuring statement to the press, declared that Japan's American balances were small and that American-Japanese trade had been diminishing so the effect of President Roosevelt's measure would be "comparatively slight."

The press, quoting financial quarters, insisted, in fact, that the United States was bound to lose more than Japan because American assets in Japan were large—although most of them are already frozen through foreign exchange control. Moreover, Japanese financial quarters assert that Japan has already fortified herself against such a blow by various measures such as foreign exchange control laws, concentration of dollar and pound exchange in the Yokohama Specie Bank and the forward exchange contract system.

Hope for Exceptions

Nevertheless, commercial circles are anxiously awaiting details of the American and British orders in the hope that exceptions might be permitted. At least, it is pointed out, the Anglo-Japanese commerce and navigation treaty remains effective for one year and the trade treaties with India and Burma for six months.

At the same time, both official quarters and the press emphatically assert that President Roosevelt's step can never affect Japan's policies, which remain "unchangeable, immutable and immutable." In fact, they declare, such steps can only strengthen Japan's determination to create an East Asiatic self-sufficiency sphere.

The Japanese freezing order provides in addition to the previous foreign exchange control regulations that foreign nationals affected by the new order as well as persons dealing with them, must obtain the approval of the Finance Ministry for virtually all transactions, including the acquisition and disposal of movable and immovable property, real rights, credits, loan, deposit and trust fund securities, offset of credits and debts, guarantee and acceptance of debts, consumer loans and deposits, and Japanese currency exceeding 500 yen monthly. Payments of taxes and salaries of Japanese employers are exempted.

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Mr. Allan Chapman, Assistant Postmaster General, in reply to a question, told the House of Commons recently that the P.M.G. would shortly issue a light weight air letter card for use in writing to British prisoners of war. By this means it would be possible to reduce the air mail fee.

U.S. PUBLIC OPINION ON THE WAR

Can Readily Turn To Action

"United Press" Correspondent Virgil Pinkley, who has just completed a tour of 38 states in the United States, travelling 52,000 miles in four months, hereby reports on his observations regarding American public opinion with reference to the war.

By VIRGIL PINKLEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (UP).—United States public opinion about the war has undergone great changes during the past 15 months.

A momentous national debate continues about the policies which should be adopted to prepare for whatever the future brings, but there is one point on which a near 100 per cent. unity is apparent. It is to build up a defence establishment at whatever cost. That is saying considerable when individual taxes have doubled or even tripled.

More people have discarded the idea that the second world war is just another far away conflict and are studying its developments carefully as something which directly affects them. They still talk about the muddled world situation.

On the eastern seaboard and in the deep south, a much greater proportion of people believe that the war would inevitably involve the United States than in the traditionally isolated midwest. The southerners have been Anglophile ever since the civil war.

On the Pacific coast, main attention is riveted on the Pacific because people there feel that Japanese ambitions are a distinct threat to the United States. However, a good many west coast businessmen and industrialists express the belief that an Axis victory in Europe would bring on a vicious economic struggle for both Oriental and South American markets.

Germans Suspected

In the eastern part of the United States, many persons have expressed the belief that Germany has designs on the American continent. They base this expression on the conquest of the Low Countries and the Balkans, the entry into north Africa and the attack on Russia. They add

the opinion that if Germany was victorious in Europe, the Nazis immediately would be in a position to carry on a tremendous price-cutting economic war based on barter exchanges.

Some persons prophesy that should Britain be beaten by the Nazis, the United States and Germany are certain to clash militarily in the future over Latin America or the Atlantic Islands. Others feel that the United States' commitments to aid England and China are so conclusive the United States is now in the war in every respect except the shooting.

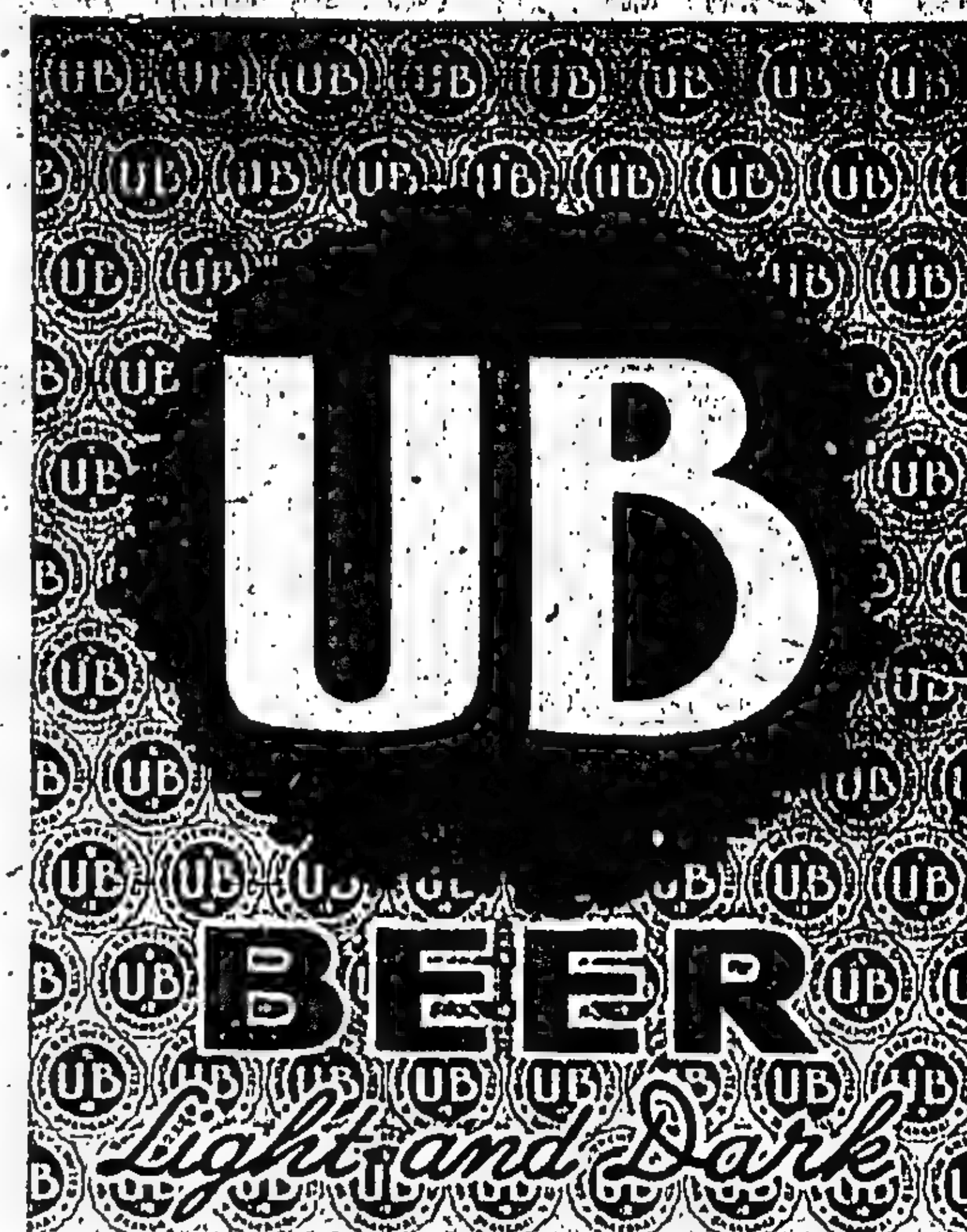
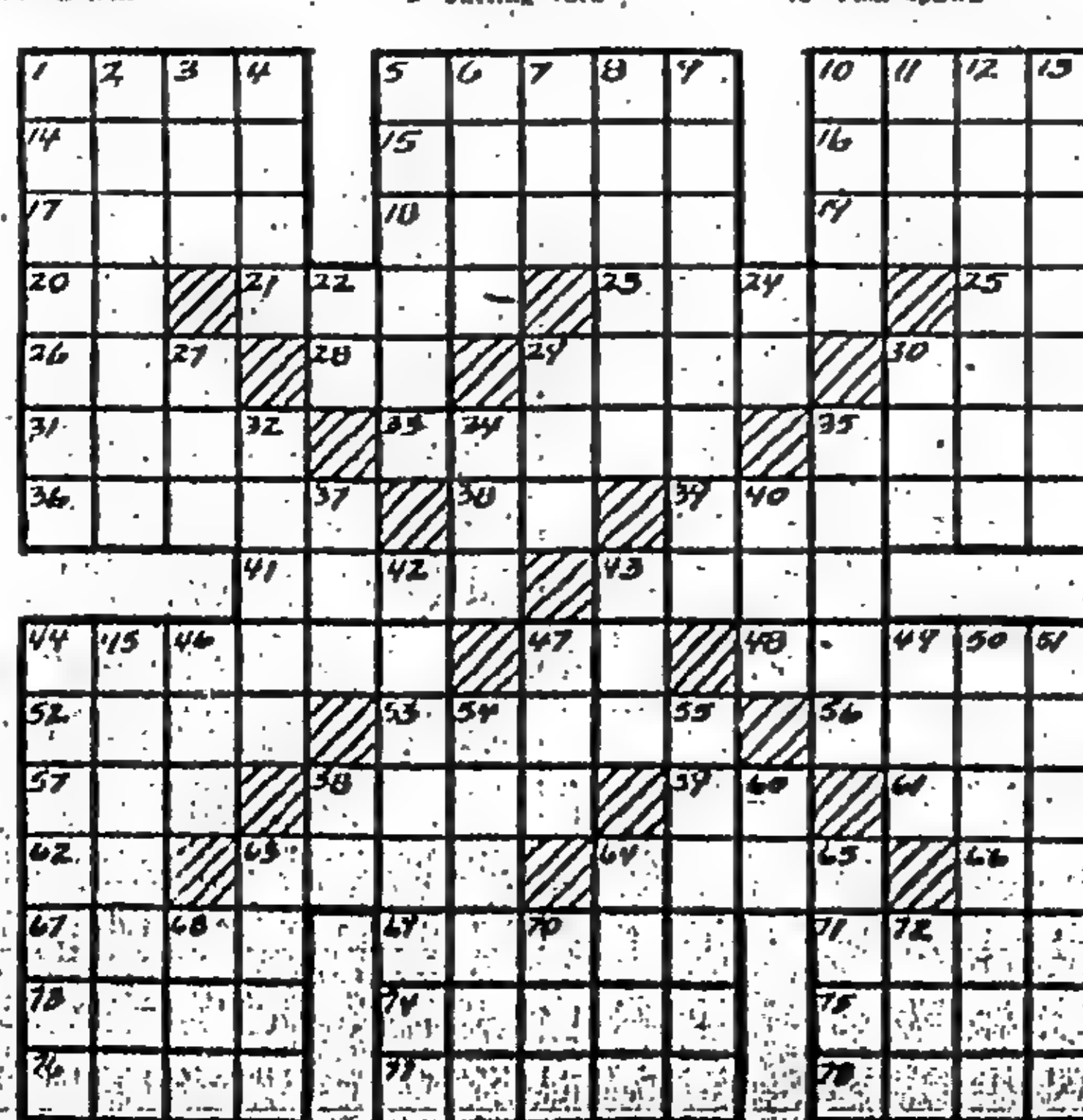
It is interesting to note that the former slogan "All aid to Britain short of war" has given to the emphasis on "Protection of the United States," and the American continents."

Isolationists Active
On the other hand, the isolationists continue their running attack to keep the United States out of war, conducting a more vigorous campaign than a year ago. There really has been little emotional appeal to stir up the public. If the vast network of the press, radio and cinema is ever brought into play to accomplish a specific change in public opinion—plus rallies in cities, towns and country schoolhouses—the national sentiment might be crystallized almost overnight in favour of some specific line of action. This has happened before.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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1—Pelted	2—Turn in competition	3—Inevitable	4—Before long	5—Dark and valuable	6—Covers	7—Jealous	8—Changes	9—Of drastic simplicity	10—Have existence	11—Spot of ink	12—Pleased	13—Parasitic ally	14—Used to be	15—Settle like	16—Fail to include	17—Lively	18—Took inconsiderately	19—Distance from right	20—On side away from	21—Builds or contemporaneous	22—Expression denoting	23—Naked changes in	24—Requirement	25—Of tangible quality	26—Feathering device	27—Advance	28—Recently deceased	29—Jogs along	30—Critic	31—World War I	32—Bound with rope	33—Litter in Italy	34—And not	35—Pigeon	36—Orient	37—Rites	38—Soleist atmosphere	39—Mountain in Ecuador	40—Country in New York	41—Stilian volcano	42—Extinct bird	43—Building division	44—Modern	45—Third of prey	46—Town in Arkansas	47—American stage	48—Kind of bird	49—Creature (pl.)	50—Jutting rock	51—Vulgar pretender	52—Loud noise	53—Lip	54—Falls together	55—Family of anemids	56—Single attack	57—Vastly condition	58—Heaven away	59—Prostitute	60—French feminine	61—Toward	62—Latin	63—Above contractions	64—Alcoholic drink	65—Fidelity drawn	66—Crimson	67—Stock of maps	68—General opinion of person or thing	69—Move slowly	70—Pressing into place	71—Of carous	72—Deteriorate	73—Anti-slipping	74—Attachment for ice	75—Used as food	76—Lord of everything	77—Play on words	78—Process of wearing	79—Brazilian bird	80—She who draws in	81—Brazilian bird	82—None	83—Kata three sol.	84—Preposition	85—Done	86—Ecologic group	87—No difficulty	88—Part of skeleton	89—Expressive	90—Smiles one who dms	91—Number of fingers	92—Fish spawn



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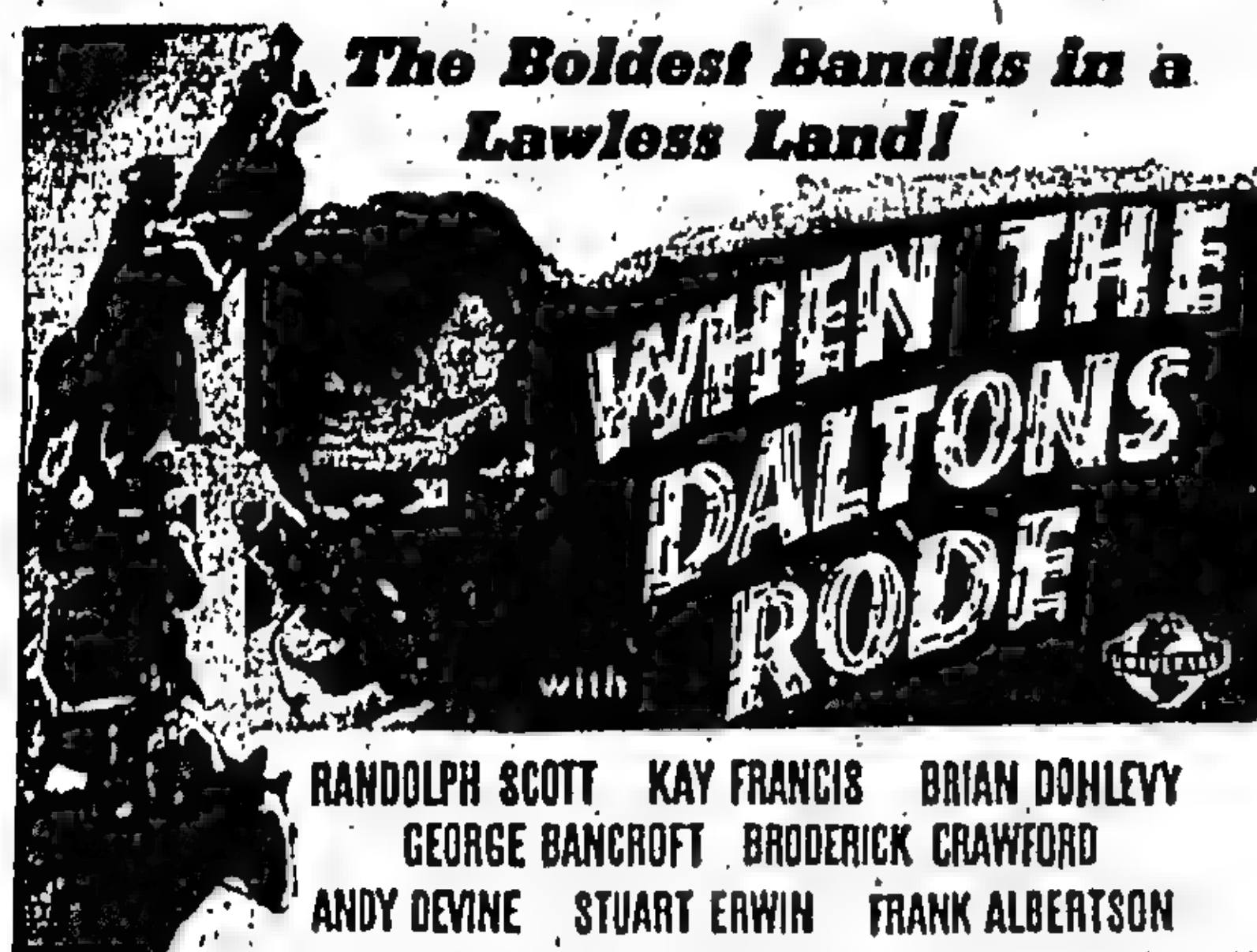
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NO AIR MASTERY FOR NAZIS

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planes on the ground. Our artillery is also inflicting on the enemy heavy losses. Nazi air formations are breaking up under the crushing attacks of our airmen.

The 51st and 54th Bomber Squadrons of the Air Corps commanded by General von Greim, lost during the first day of war 30 per cent of their planes and the 55th Squadron 50 per cent. Losses of the German air force were heaviest in the zones of operations of Generals Kesselring's and Stumpe's air fleets in the western and southwestern directions.

The General adds: "If the tempo and scale of activity on the front from the Barents Sea to the Black Sea continues without change for another two or three months, the German air losses will increase considerably."

Raw Pilots

After a few thousand skilled pilots, General Grendel continues, "the bulk of personnel of the German air force now consists of hastily trained pilots—which must inevitably result in increase of losses."

According to war prisoners, the majority of the German pilots joined the air force either in the latter half of 1940 or the first half of 1941. It should also be borne in mind that prior to the war with the Soviet Union, German aeroplane factories could replace the losses of aircraft only when part of the air force was in action. During the period of May to September, 1940, when practically the whole of the air force was thrown into action, the German aircraft industry managed only with great difficulty to replace the losses and during these five months the expansion of the air force stopped altogether.

Replacement

"During the entire period of the European War preceding the attack on the U.S.S.R., the losses of the Nazi air force amounted to less than 9,000 planes, yet in order to replace these losses the Germans had to make extra efforts and their air force was compelled to reduce the scale of its military operations."

"It is in the light of these facts that one should evaluate the losses of Hitler's air force in the war against the U.S.S.R. At present the German air force is forced to reduce its radius of action and the transfer of its units from one direction of the front to another. Even working at full capacity, Germany's aeroplane factories are unable to replace so rapidly increasing losses. On the other hand our inexhaustible strength is growing from day to day."

German Plane Losses

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—At least 300 German planes have been destroyed over the approaches to Leningrad as well as hundreds of tanks and thousands of men. This was announced by M. Kuznetsov, a member of the War Council at a mass meeting yesterday, and broadcast from Leningrad.

He declared, "The city has become the front. Armed people merge with the Red Army and the Baltic fleet. Thousands of workers in the immediate vicinity of the front are building fortifications around Leningrad."

Nazis On Defensive

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that the Russians in Odessa do not lack air support, "for although Odessa's seven aerodromes only serve for supplies and cannot be used as air force bases, military planes come and go from the Crimea without pause and challenge the Germans' command of the air."

U-Boat Captured

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The following is the text of a communiqué issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:

"During September 7, stubborn fighting continued against the enemy along the entire front.

"Our air force dealt massive blows against the enemy troops and attacked his air force on his aerodromes. Twenty-three German planes were destroyed on September 7, in combat and on enemy aerodromes. We lost 11 planes.

"A German submarine No. 73, was captured in the Sea of Barents."

Pres. Roosevelt's Aged Mother Passes

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tion where she was entertained at an official luncheon. She entered the luncheon room on the arm of St. Paul Bonnet, who was then French Minister of Finance, and previously Ambassador in Washington.

It is presumed that Mrs. Roosevelt will be buried at St. James' Episcopal Church, Hyde Park village, where the President's father is interred. Mrs. Roosevelt was very active, attending many charitable functions and state occasions but it is known that the President, when he went to Hyde Park for the week-end, wanted his mother to have a "check up" by her doctor.

Broadcast Postponed

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—According to the Columbia Broadcasting System the broadcast is postponed to Thursday.

ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE TREATY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—A technical agreement between the Bank of England and the Soviet State Bank has been signed implementing the trade pact and regulating the mode of payments and exchanges.

Foochow Is Returning To Normalcy

FOOCHOW, Sept. 7 (Central News).—Conditions in Foochow are gradually returning to normal. With the rehabilitation of the city under way, former residents are returning in large numbers.

To relieve the acute shortage of food the Fukien Provincial Food Bureau has sent here a considerable quantity of rice for distribution among the refugees. The price of the staple is now quoted at \$100 per picul; at the time of the fall of the city it rose to as high as over \$1,000 per picul.

Communication on the Min River was restored yesterday when a ship left here down river amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. Thousands of persons lined the banks and cheered the departing vessel and fire-crackers were let off.

Booty Captured

NANPING, Sept. 7 (Central News).—Chinese "mopping up" operations on both banks of the Min River have yielded a huge war booty and a number of prisoners.

At Tungking, the heavily-guarded Japanese post about seven miles west of Foochow where the decisive battle for Foochow was fought on the night of September 2, the Chinese captured 300 shells abandoned by the Japanese when they hurriedly evacuated the point.

In Futsing and Lienkiang, Japanese stragglers are being rounded up and numerous prisoners taken. They are being escorted to Foochow for trial.

One heavy gun and some 30 machine-guns were seized in the Lienkiang sector.

New Incidents In Paris

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Swiss radio under the title of "New Incidents in Paris" reports a fire alleged to have been started maliciously in the garage of the 16th Arrondissement of Paris which was requisitioned by the Germans. Frenchmen extinguished the fire.

Investigators found in the garage bombs which had not exploded. In the Eiffel Tower quarter revolver shots were fired at a German soldier who was slightly wounded.

In the Bourse district a German civilian was ill-treated, the Swiss radio adds.

Civilian Slightly Hurt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, Sept. 7 (UP).—A German civilian was slightly hurt when set upon and overthrown while walking late last night near the central market in downtown Paris. His assailants escaped.

Dollar-A-Year Men Get Paid

Cheque For 2 Cents

WASHINGTON, July 16.—To-day was pay day for 262 dollar-a-year men in the defence programme, but only 13 of them had worked a full year and were entitled to a whole dollar. The rest got paid on a pro rata basis, from 2 cents up.

The cheques covered the fiscal year which ended June 30, and the Treasury computed them at the rate of 8 1/2 cents a month for the time each executive was on the pay roll. The total of all the payments was only \$126.

Many Office of Production Management executives received their annual compensation without ceremony, but John D. Biggers, Production Director, and E. R. Stettinius, Jr., Priorities Director, arranged for public distribution of cheques to all recipients in their sections.

No Pay For Chiefs

Neither William S. Knudsen, OPM Director, nor Sidney Hillman, Associate Director, received a cheque. They held office under a 1917 law which provides that they serve without compensation. That exempts them from an old law forbidding the Government to accept the free services of any individual.

The smallest cheque—for 2 cents—went to Randolph Paul of the Office of Price Administration. Government officials guessed that most of the cheques would be framed and never cashed.

LATE NEWS

Contractor Says He Was Asked to Tender

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nine partners whose names were Ng Wong-ah (woman), Ng Hung-nin, Ng Sik-shu, Chan Choy-hing, Sing Fuk-ching, Luk Wing, Chung Tam, Fok Fung-chi and Cheng Wan. Of these partners, only Chung Tam, Luk Wing and himself were in Hongkong, the others being in the country or elsewhere.

On Major Works List

The Chairman: When were you put on what is known as the major works list by the P.W.D.? Was it in 1935?—Yes.

What was the first contract you got in 1935?—I don't remember now but I think we had a contract with the Government before 1935.

I don't mean minor works. I mean major works. What was that contract you got before 1935?—Works such as the making of roads at Shing Mun Reservoir. We also built the filter bed at Shek Lau Pui. Yet any rate in 1935 did you not get a contract for the building of servants' quarters at Queen Mary Hospital worth \$95,000?—Yes.

In the same year you also got a contract for the building of Chinese and Indian staff quarters at Stanley Prison valued at \$227,600?—Yes.

After that what was the next contract you got?—Building a Police Station at Takulung.

What year was that?—After we had completed the work at Stanley Prison.

What was the value of that contract?—Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

After that, did you get any more contracts?—The next contract had something to do with the playground at Queen Mary Hospital. That contract was worth about \$2,000.

Don't worry about small contracts. I am talking of big contracts. I cannot think of any others.

Other Contracts

Would it be correct to say that since you completed the work at Stanley Prison you got no contract from Government until you made concrete blocks?—In 1940 we did some work in connection with No. 7 Police Station to the extent of \$20,000.

Was that before or after you started making concrete blocks?—Before.

Well, with the exception of this \$20,000 contract you got no other contract until you started making concrete blocks?—There was another contract yet in 1940—in connection with the concrete building at Telegraph Bay. That contract was worth \$19,800.

Will you tell the Commission how you came to get this contract for making concrete blocks?—I sent in a tender for it.

To whom did you send the tender?—To Capt. Hobbs.

Received Telephone Call

How did you know that tenders were being called for?—Someone—I think a boy or servant of Capt. Hobbs—telephoned me and asked me to go to the office to get a tender form.

That was the first you knew about concrete blocks being wanted by the A.R.P.?—Yes.

You never saw any announcement in the Chinese Press about it, did you?—I don't remember now.

Do you know why it was that your firm was specially favoured by Capt. Hobbs sending a special telephone message to you?—Very often when tenders were required by Government we were informed to go and get tender forms.

Who used to inform you?—Sometimes clerks and sometimes servants in Capt. Hobbs' office.

Did you go to Capt. Hobbs' office when you got the telephone message?—Yes.

Spoke In English

And when you got there whom did you see?—I saw Capt. Hobbs.

Did you speak in English to him?—Yes, in English.

What did he say to you?—He told me that some concrete blocks were being made. I was shown a plan and some specifications in English.

Can you read English?—A little. And I was told to send in an estimate the following day.

Do you remember what the specifications were?—Yes, 112 lbs. of cement, 2 1/2 cubic feet of sand and five cubic feet of small stones. Those were the ingredients for making the blocks.

Was the size of the blocks mentioned?—Yes, 17 1/2 by 8 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches.

U.S. TO GROW FOR BRITAIN

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committees under the U.S. Department of Agriculture defence boards," he declared. He has scheduled production conferences at Salt Lake City, Chicago, New York, and Memphis, Tenn.

Regarding sugar, Mr. Wickard said that "no average limit was expected," indicating a renewal of the sugar act which is expiring this year.

He estimated that the British would need from six to eight per cent of the total American farm production next year.

THE WAR FUND

The sale of Victory V's by Miss Naylor and the sale of Shanghai R.A.F. Association V Badges, augmented the War Fund on Saturday morning, bringing the total to \$248,618. The list is as follows:

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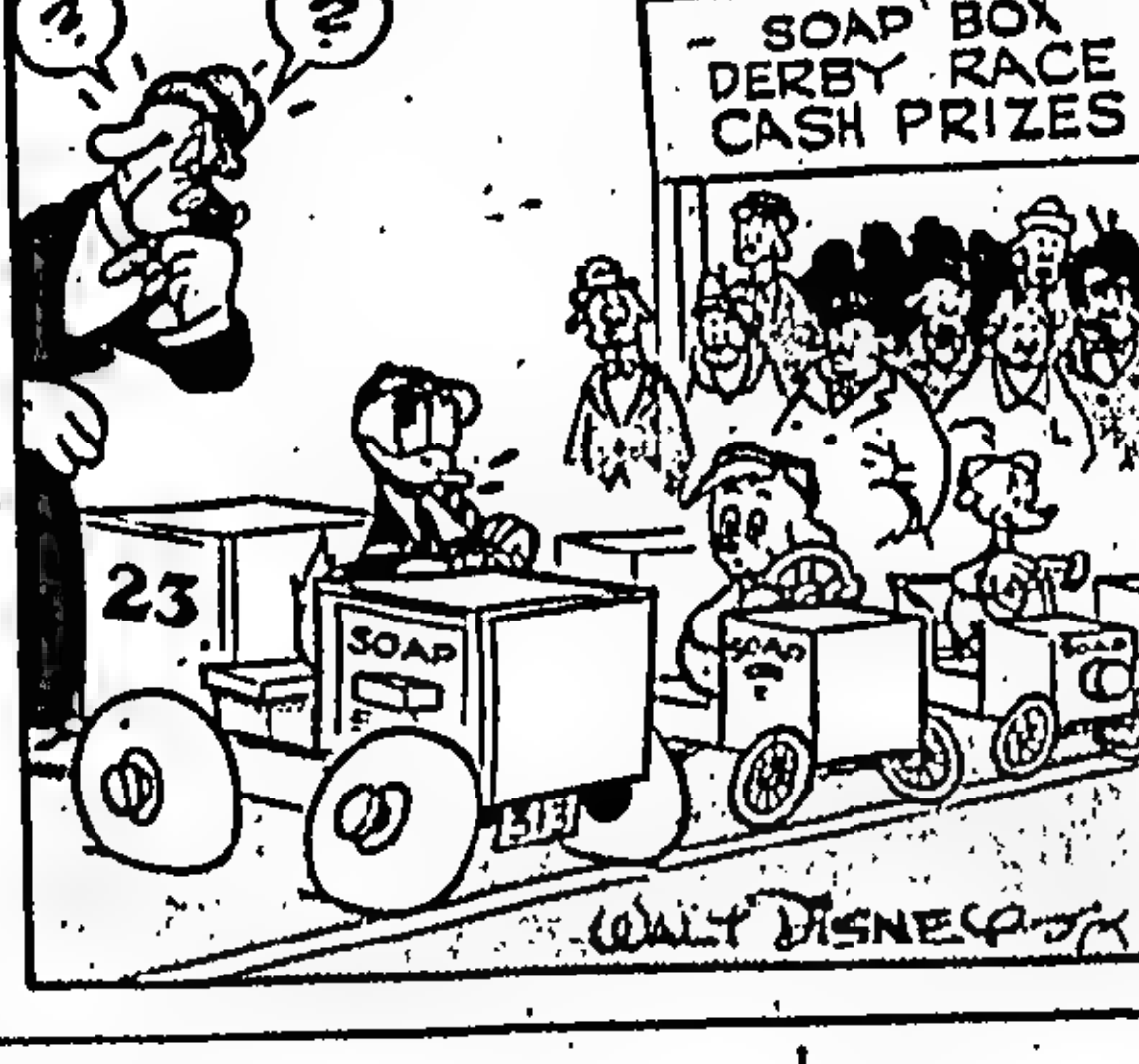
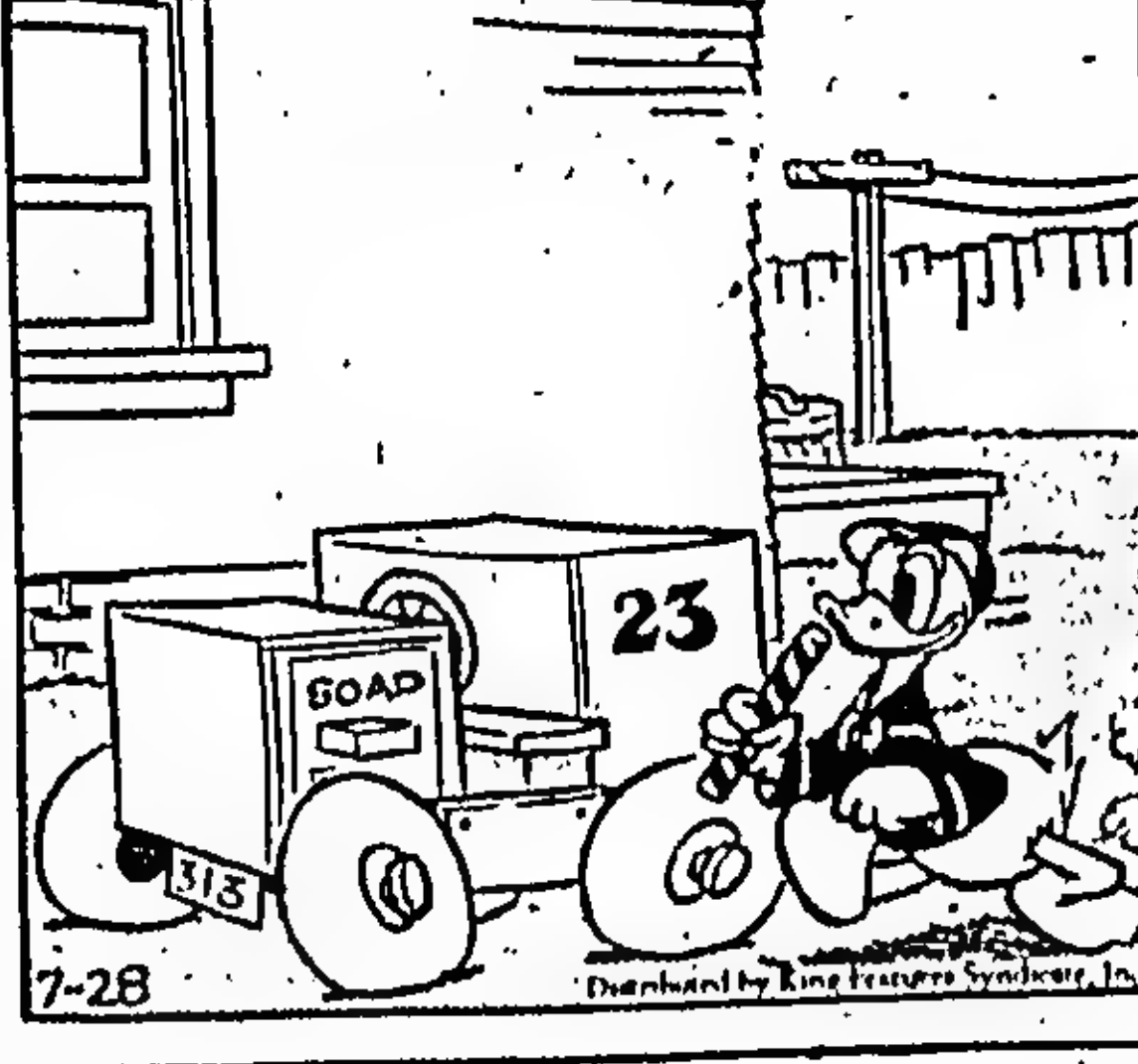
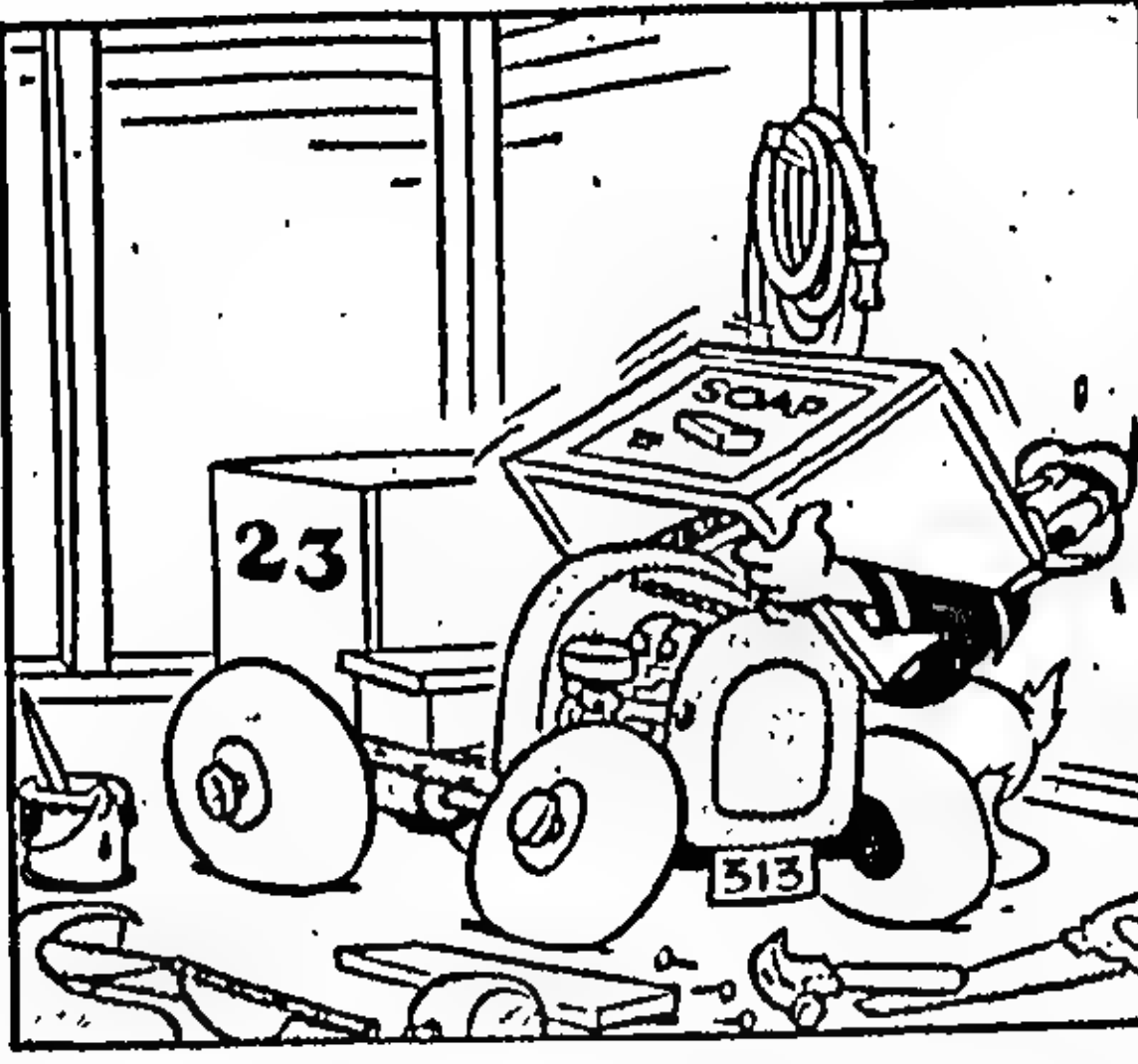
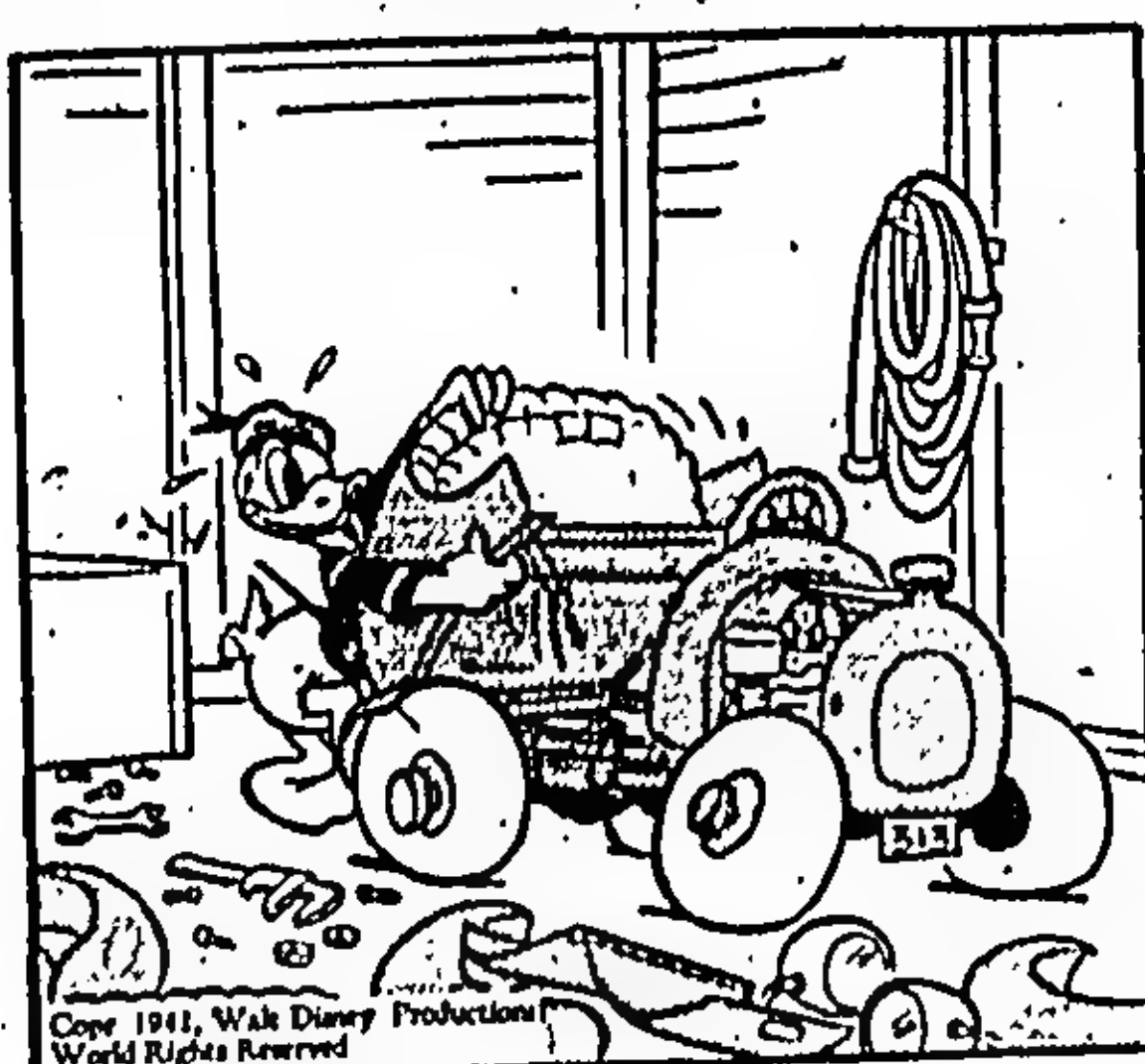


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It is understood that the Stabilisation Board in Hongkong, with which certain Shanghai bankers are working, are attempting to work out a scheme to eliminate all free exchange transactions existing in that sterling and dollars henceforth will be available only for permitted imports at scheduled rates.

Nothing is yet announced. Shanghai is still waiting in suspense for clarification of the Government's opinion that the elimination of a free market will probably reduce Shanghai's trade by three-quarters. Essential commodities imported under the scheduled rates will probably be rationed to the public through licensed dealers.

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Declaration By Brazil

Defensive Alliance

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—Addressing a huge audience on the occasion of the anniversary of Brazilian Independence, President Vargas, referring to the policy of America as a whole, declared: "All aggression from whatever quarter will find us a united bloc made up of the greatest number of nationalities that has ever constituted a defensive alliance."

President Vargas, continuing, said that the 110th anniversary of Brazil's Independence could still be celebrated without mourning, for the people and government of Brazil had been able, despite the present difficult situation, to avoid the perils of shocks threatened by forces that were deluging humanity in blood.

"We are a peaceful nation," he said; "Our principal aim is to keep away from the terrible contingencies of war. We are, however, unable to foresee how events will develop and what circumstances we may be called to take part in or what efforts will be demanded of us."

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GERMANS ON DEFENSIVE IN FACE OF SOVIET COUNTER-ATTACKS

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—The Red Army Organ, "Red Star" to-day reported further successful Soviet counter-attacks in the Kexholm and Gomel directions. In the Gomel sector, an infantry division made an offensive attack against the left flank of the German Vanguard, smashed their resistance and re-captured several villages. In the Kexholm direction, the Russians routed the enemy which is reported to be fleeing in panic through the woods.

The Red army also repulsed a German attempt to force a crossing of the Khrum River on the western front, blew up pontoon bridges and destroyed 35 planes on a neighbouring airport.

Soviets Use Panzer Units

ZURICH, Sept. 7 (UP).—The newspaper "Zürcher Zeitung" reports that in various sectors it is understood that the Russians have started very heavy counter-attacks with strong forces and large reinforcements of panzer units including the heaviest types.

The heaviest attack appears to be on the central front by Marshal Timoshenko's army and also along the Dnieper where Marshal Budennyi has released a very strong offensive against the German east bank bridgeheads at many points. The Russians even tried to cross the Dnieper, but Berlin claims that they were thrown back with losses.

The paper states, "It is understood that the Russian counter-attacks are temporarily forcing the Germans to devote their chief attention to the defensive. The counter-attacks, however, have never exceeded the character of localised successes."

"The Russian losses are reported to be very heavy and therefore it is the conviction in Berlin that the Russian efforts will last only a certain time when they will be replaced with fresh German offensive operations."

Western Sector

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—Further successes in local operations in the western sector are reported to-day.

In one of the sub-sectors in the direction of Gomel, a Soviet rifle division, after overcoming considerable resistance, has taken a number of large inhabited places and destroyed 21 German tanks and many guns.

At another point in the western sector, the Germans had established bridgeheads across the River Khmar. Soviet aircraft by dive-attacks destroyed the bridgeheads and prevented a crossing and killed some hundreds of Germans.

Soviet planes also attacked two aerodromes used by the enemy and destroyed 35 planes and damaged others.

Odessa Bombed
LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—"German bombers last night bombed the town and harbour of Odessa as well as railway junctions of military importance with good effect," says the German official news agency.

"Small and large fires testified to the effect of the attack."

Command Of Air
MADRID, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—"The Berlin correspondent of 'Efe' says that the Russians in Odessa do not lack air support, 'for although Odessa's seven aerodromes only receive for supplies and cannot be used as air force bases, military planes come and go from the Crimea without pause and challenge the German command of the air.'

U-Boat Captured
MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—"The following is the text of a communication received by the Soviet Information Bureau:—

"During September 7, stubborn fighting continued against the enemy along the entire front.

"Our air force dealt massive blows against the enemy troops and attacked his air force on his aerodromes. Twenty-three German planes were destroyed on September 5 in air combats and on enemy aerodromes. We lost 11 planes.

"A German submarine No. 73, was captured in the Sea of Barents."

Neutrality Revision May Mean War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Sept. 7 (UP).—"The Nichi Nichi" in an editorial to-day warns that the movement for revision of the neutrality law in the United States is likely to be followed by a leap into the war.

It said that President Roosevelt's aid to Britain policy is a "semi-repudiation of the neutrality law in fact" adding that to alter it now means a general repeal. "If at last the United States is in the advanced stage of carrying aid to Britain supplies in American ships and conveying them with American warships, it won't be merely a modification of the neutrality law but a leap towards participation in the war."

Funeral Of Mr Kring

The funeral of the late Mr. N. O. Kring will take place at 5.30 this afternoon at the Protestant Cemetery.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,450 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	78 n.
Chartered Banks	0.04 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	23 1/2 n.
Mercantile C.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	70 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton Ins.	230 b.
Union Ins.	432 1/2 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins.	105 b.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	120 n.
Steamships	10 n.
Indo-China P.	80 n.
Indo-China D.	70 n.
Shell (Beacons)	51/100 n.
Waterboats	0.55 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	91 1/2 b.
Docks	17.00 n.
Providents	31 1/2 n.
Shai Dockyards	31 1/2 n.

MINING	
Kailan s/-	13/0 n.
Ruian s/-	7 1/2 n.
H.K. Mines	2 cts n.

LANDS	
Hotels	3.70 n.
Lands	10.00 n.
Shai Lands	21 1/2 n.
Shai Lands (new)	21 1/2 n.
Shai Lands (old)	21 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	0.65 n.
China Lights (new)	1.00 n.
H.K. Electric (old) x. rts. x.d.	21.00 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	21 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric Rts	11 1/2 n.
Macao Electric	18 1/2 n.
Sandakan Light	24 n.
Telephone (new)	0.90 n.
Telephone (old)	0.85/05 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	17 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (old)	17 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	17 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	23 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	0.65 n.
China Lights (new)	1.00 n.
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INDUSTRIALS	
Cold: Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. 45 n.
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Cantor: Macg.	Sh. 45 n.
Cement: Macg.	Sh. 45 n.
H.K. Ropes	0.85/05 n.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	10 1/2 n.
Watsons	11.00 n.
Lane Crawford	6.45 n.
Sinceres	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	1.15 n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd.	1.15 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. Sh.	43 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	35 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4 1/2	101 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 (1934)	98 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 (1935)	98 n.
Ch. Govt 5 1/2 1925 G.Bds.	42 n.
Enterprises (old)	0.60 n.
Enterprises (new)	0.80 n.
Vibro Piling	7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	6/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	1/0 n.

THE WAR FUND	
The sale of Victory V's by Miss Naylor and the sale of Shanghai R.A.F. Association Badges, augmented the Bomber Fund on Saturday morning, bringing the total to \$2,510,211.07. The list is as follows:—	
Mr and Mrs A. P. Pereira and family (monthly donation)	\$5
Victory per Miss Naylor	10
Sale of Shanghai R.A.F. Association Badges (two for \$5 and \$3 each)	10
The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Emergency Refugee Council:—	
Sympathisers (118th Contribution)	\$10.

Call To Jews	
LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz is issuing a call to all Jewish communities throughout the British Empire to join in a "week of re-dedication" in a period culminating in a day of atonement.	
The week will be inaugurated by broadcast addresses on September 21 and 22.	

COURAGE IN DESERT: OFFICER WINS THE M.C.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (British Wireless).—Coolness and tenacity in the face of "sudden terrific and blinding showers of bombs" during an operation in the Middle East contributed to the award of the M.C. to 2/Lieutenant Alan Young, of the Royal Garwhal Rifles, Indian Army, whose exploit is described with others in a War Office bulletin.

"This officer," it is stated, "was in command of two platoons of his Company which were ordered to attack by night an enemy position on a Bald Hill spur.

"The position was found to be much stronger than thought and was well wired in. Nevertheless, 2/Lieut. Young crawled through the wire to reconnoitre and directed the platoons to follow quietly.

"The enemy sangar was located and dispositions were made to attack from two sides. The left platoon was ordered to advance, and a sudden terrific and blinding shower of bombs was hurled down on them, wounding all section commanders and causing some confusion.

"The platoon on the right was simultaneously attacked from the front and the Italians commenced to rush the survivors and a critical situation developed.

Rose To Occasion
"Young, however, rose magnificently to the occasion, collected the jemadar and a few men of the right platoon and organised a counter charge. He himself shot two of the enemy with his revolver, the remainder being killed by machine-guns and machine-guns when they came into action.

"In the face of this determination, the enemy ineffectually fled. The platoons by then had had 20 casualties and were on a very exposed slope, being fired on by machine-guns and rifle fire from Bald Hill and Algi Knoll.

"In spite of this and although he himself was hit by small pieces of bombs, Young in compliance with orders to attract as much of the enemy attention as possible remained firing at various enemy machine-gun positions which were shooting down on him. He only withdrew when all wounded had been completely cleared and his task was completed in every detail. His skill, coolness, courage and determination were beyond all praise."

Another Incident
Perilous operations at Halfaya Pass are also described in relation to the award of the M.C. to Lieutenant (Acting Captain) J. R. C. White, Royal Artillery. "Captain White was in command of a troop of anti-tank guns supporting the two forward companies of the Coldstream Guards in a rearguard position at the foot of Halfaya Pass on May 20, 1941.

"During the afternoon of May 26 and morning of May 27, when the enemy was attacking and his fire of all arms was heavy in this extremely open and overlooked position, this officer continually crossed the 2,000 yards of the front in order to control his sections. In the actual withdrawal, White held his position until very late and although the enemy were close, machine-gun fire heavy and several of his own men had been hit, he insisted on delaying in order to help the Guardsmen back on their own transport.

"This he continued to do right back to battalion headquarters. His courage and coolness set a fine example in a difficult situation and he undoubtedly saved many Guardsmen from being captured or becoming casualties."

Private Stephens
Courage in face of certain point blank rifle and machine-gun fire gained the Military Medal for Private Stephens, Worcestershire Regiment. "On May 6, during an attack on an Amba Algi position, this soldier with another was selected to go forward to remove a knife-rest blockading the road going through the enemy wire so that his platoon could advance. The knife-rest and approach of some 80 yards to it was in full view of an enemy position on a hill 300 yards away and was covered by his guns. Before he could reach the roadblock, a heavy

Russia Wants Aluminium

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (UP).—Authoritative defence quarters to-day stated that Soviet Russia has requested aluminium supplies from the United States to offset the losses caused by the destruction of the Dniepropetrovsk dam and the disruption of the Leningrad plant, which resulted in cutting approximately 66% of the annual capacity of 150,000,000 pounds.

The destruction of the dam wiped out the principle supply of 75,000,000 pounds while the Leningrad plant with a productive capacity of 30,000,000 pounds is also believed not to be operating. They were of the opinion that the Kamenok plant in the Urals, with an estimated capacity of 50,000,000 pounds annually is operating fully.

Bauxite from the Tikhvin fields is also said because it is now under control of the Finns.

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4.—The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
5.—All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
6.—No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of loss of or damage to entries.
7.—All entries to be either black and white or in colour and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
8.—Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white for non-delivery of loss of or damage to entries.
9.—Mounts to be of only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 10x20.
10.—No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
11.—Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
12.—The decision of the Judges shall be final.
13.—At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Hongkong office within seven days.
14.—The use of aliases is strictly forbidden.

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Gang Attack On Chinese Newspaper

Incident In City

A determined effort to obstruct the normal sale of the "Hua Hsiang Pao," pro-Leftist Chinese evening newspaper, was made on Saturday afternoon, when papers were wrenched from the hands of vendors and torn up by a gang of hoodlums outside the newspaper's wholesale depot in Lee Yuen Street East.

The incident occurred shortly after 3 p.m., the normal publication time. As soon as vendors were issued with the papers, they were met by a number of "toughs" who forcibly took possession of the papers and tore them into shreds at the end of the street.

It is estimated that at least three-quarters of the day's issue were destroyed in this way and prevented from passing into readers' hands. Police assistance was summoned, whereupon the gang disappeared. Yesterday's issue of the paper was not interfered with in any way.

Tokyo Foreign Office Gives Gates For Scrap
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Sept. 6 (Domot).—The Foreign Office's iron gates are gone. Twelve feet high and weighing well over a ton and a half, the black iron gates have been swinging on hinges anchored in granite posts since somewhere around 1911, but yesterday workmen arrived and carted them away for scrap iron.

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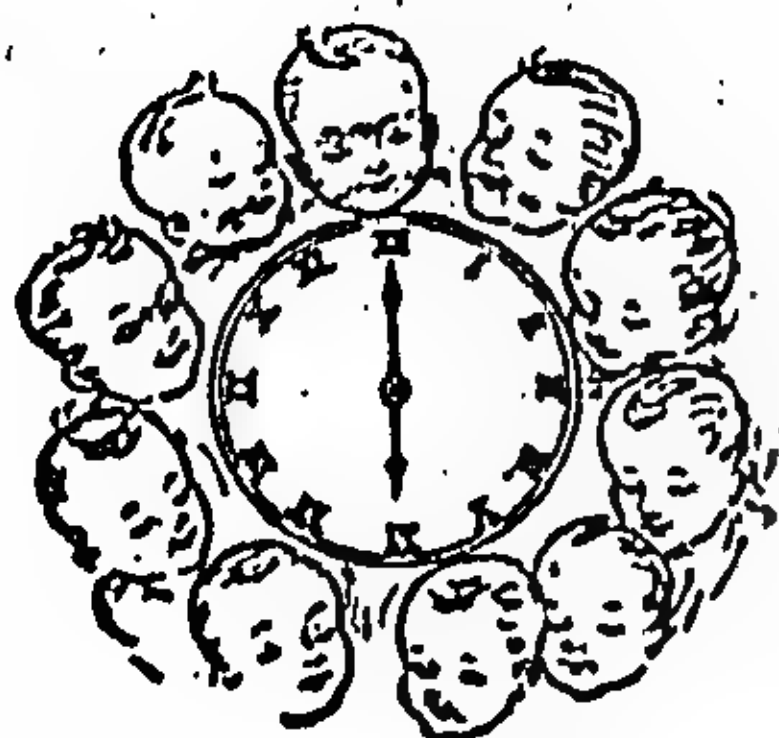
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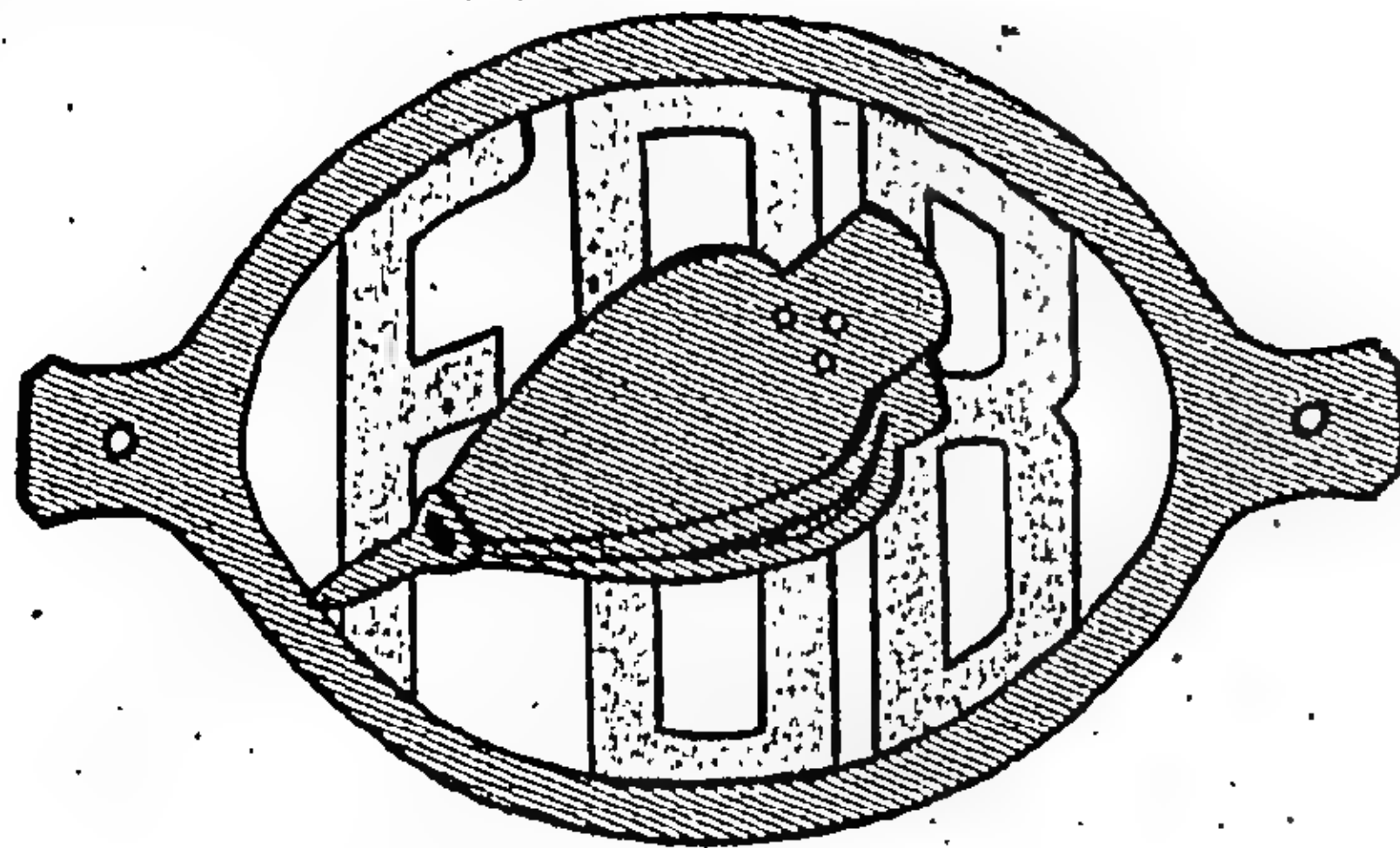
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MOMENTOUS DAYS AHEAD

THE third year of World War II opens in an atmosphere promising momentous happenings and decisions, the impact of which will be felt by almost every country in the universe. It opens with the democracies stronger materially and spiritually than they were a year ago and the Axis proportionately weaker; for each part of the world something of special significance is happening.

For America, it is the Greer incident and the possible repercussions therefrom; will it hasten the entry of the United States into the conflict, or will it serve only to make more energetic and determined America's material efforts to aid Britain and Russia?

For Britain, the third year opens with more and more men being called away from private work to active soldiering, their places to be filled by women; does this presage the long-awaited invasion of the Continent?

For Japan the crucial topic of the day is the likely outcome of the present negotiations between her and the United States which were initiated by the personal note from Prince Konoye to President Roosevelt. If best informed observers are correct in their analysis, the results of these negotiations may determine the prolonged existence or sudden death of the Konoye Cabinet.

For China, the start of the third year of the European war brings renewed encouragement to continue her magnificent fight against Japanese aggression, knowing full well that more and more assistance is forthcoming from the democracies to this end.

Hongkong's interests are bound up with those of the mother country and the rest of the Empire. But this war anniversary brings also with it a domestic pre-occupation. A Governor has just departed and a new administrator is arriving this week; he comes at an acute moment and his task is going to be no simple one. Happily he can depend upon the fullest measure of support and encouragement from the community which, despite its concern over local problems which are having a big influence on

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IS JAPAN NOW DESPERATE?

BY H. O. THOMPSON

Japan for a decade has than dishonour, would be prepared to take if circumstances brought them to it.

The effect of that psychology on American policy became apparent when President Roosevelt said, "If we had cut the oil off they probably would have gone down to the Dutch East Indies a year ago and you would have had war."

In the event of a war between Japan and the United States, the American Fleet would have to tackle Japan from the south. A straight-away dash across the Pacific from Hawaii to Japan proper would violate naval strategy. An attacking fleet, to get at Japan, would have to take the slow approach from the south to keep open lines of communication and to establish operating bases as the advance progressed.

A war against America is an ever-present fear of the Japanese of to-day. Japan's naval leaders believe they can cope with the American Navy because of the distances the Americans would have to travel before striking at Japan. With bases at Camranh Bay, Saigon, Spratley Islands and Hainan—all in the path of naval invasion from the south—the Japanese Navy believes it could stop even a Minister and one of Japan's top-ranking diplomats, on the subject.

Japan, then, is combining defensive manoeuvres with her so-called southward policy. It seems unlikely that Japan has any immediate designs on either the East Indies or Singapore. Any move southward from Indo-China would be a desperate gamble. But it would be a gamble which the Japanese, with their sense of "face" and preference for death rather than dishonour, might make.

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Young Huns Taught To Be Brutal

Long before the Nazis publicly clamoured for the return of their colonies, bewildered German parents were asked to give their sons an education that would make them into "good colonial administrators."

Quite a number of German fathers and mothers who accepted this advice were not less surprised to hear that their sons were being trained to be toughs to an extent that was not even expected from a real Stormtrooper.

This school for German colonial experts saw to it that its pupils should know all about the history of German colonial activity. Yet no teacher told the boys that Hitler's historical idols, Frederick the Great and Bismarck, had pronounced strongly against overseas possessions.

Nor did they reveal that Germany, at its peak as a colonial power, had imported from the colonies less than two-thirds percent of its total imports and that, when Germany finally entered the race for colonies, it picked only those which had strategic value and menaced French or British overseas possessions or communications.

Guided by Hitler's old friend, General Epp, who had aided and abetted the Nazis in their early Munich days, a shadow colonial organisation sprang up to take over one day where Germany left off when the Great War began.

This organisation left little doubt that the Nazis would return to the old German methods.

Men like General Trotha, the German boss of West Africa, became the new heroes. He was the man responsible for the Herero Massacre.

Only 15,000 remained of 85,000 of these unfortunate people after the Germans had finished with them. "Make no prisoners," said Trotha. "Kill every one."

Now General von Epp, who has tried to revive this old spirit in young Nazis, to teach them new cruelties to exceed those employed against the Jews, comes out of the shadow as Nazi Germany's first Minister for Colonies.

He does not think merely of Germany's old colonies which Hitler once hoped to reconquer. The new Nazi Minister aims higher and farther: the whole of Africa, British, French, Belgian, South African possessions; in short, everything is to be Nazified.

Administrators are ready for every job. Colonial police and troops have undergone special training. The Gestapo will, according to Epp's plans, operate in the jungles, whence they derive their conception of law and order, anyway!—From John Bull.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Unorthodox but Brilliant

THE Culbertson table of leads is a general guide that will be effective in the great majority of cases. As proof, however, that no table or rule can be devised that will do a player's thinking for him, I commend the following deal to my readers' attention:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
Match-point duplicate.

♠ QJ54
♥ AK7
♦ 1098
♣ 852

♠ 962
♥ Q64
♦ KJ100
♣ 7

N E
W S

♠ K108
♥ Q87
♦ AK7
♣ A643

The bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

In a twelve-table duplicate game, every North-South pair reached the identical three notrump contract, and probably by the same bidding sequence. Unbelievable as it may seem, eleven declarers brought home their contracts without having been called on for so much as a finesse. The twelfth was "fixed" by the queen's taste" by the opening lead.

At eleven tables, West chose the normal, orthodox lead of the club. East had to cover with the singleton queen, and in every case declarer ducked. Unable to return a club, East had to shift and it was the simplest possible matter for declarer to set his spades established before West could run the club suit. The unfortunate twelfth declarer saw a different card led originally.

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VERBATIM REPORT OF ARP INQUIRY: THIS MORNING'S PROCEEDINGS

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tract you got?—Building a Police Station at Takuling.

What year was that?—After we had completed the work at Stanley Prison.

What was the value of that contract?—Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

After that, did you get any more contracts?—The next contract had something to do with the playground at Queen Mary Hospital. That contract was worth about \$2,000.

Don't worry about small contracts. I am talking of big contracts. I cannot think of any others.

Other Contracts

Would it be correct to say that since you completed the work at Stanley you got no contract from Government until you made concrete blocks?—In 1940 we did some work in connection with No. 7 Police Station to the extent of \$20,000.

Was that before or after you started making concrete blocks?—Before.

Well, with the exception of this \$20,000 contract you got no other contract until you started making concrete blocks?—There was another contract yet in 1940—in connection with the concrete building at Telergraph Day. That contract was worth \$15,000.

Will you tell the Commission how you came to get this contract for making concrete blocks?—I sent in a tender for it.

To whom did you send the tender?—To Capt. Hobbs.

Received Telephone Call

How did you know that tenders were being called for?—Someone—I think a boy or servant of Capt. Hobbs—telephoned me and asked me to go to the office to get a tender form.

That was the first you knew about concrete blocks being wanted by the A.R.P.?—Yes.

You never saw any announcement in the Chinese Press about it, did you?—I don't remember now.

Do you know why it was that your firm was specially favoured by Capt. Hobbs sending a special telephone message to you?—Very often when tenders were required by Government we were informed to go and get tender forms.

Who used to inform you?—Sometimes clerks and sometimes servants in Capt. Hobbs' office.

Did you go to Capt. Hobbs' office when you got the telephone message?—Yes.

Spoke In English

And when you got there whom did you see?—I saw Capt. Hobbs.

Did you speak in English to him?—Yes, in English.

What did he say to you?—He told me that some concrete blocks were being made. I was shown a plan and some specifications in English.

Can you read English?—A little. And I was told to send in an estimate the following day.

Do you remember what the specifications were?—Yes, 12 1/2 lbs. cement, 2 1/2 cubic feet of sand and five cubic feet of small stones. Those were the ingredients for making the blocks.

Was the size of the blocks mentioned?—Yes, 17 1/2 by 8 1/2 by 4 1/2 inches.

Three Different Prices

Was that in writing or Capt. Hobbs told you verbally?—It was in writing. I have this paper here showing the measurement.

Well, what price did you quote?—I had sent in three or four tenders with regard to the price and the final price agreed on was 48 cents per block.

What was your first price?—12 1/2 cents per block.

What was the second price?—This price of 42 1/2 cents was for blocks to be delivered six weeks after the order received. The next price was not for the price of blocks but for transportation.

What was that?—Delivered at different district awarded into A.B.C. and D.

And you quoted for that, did you?—I did.

And then you sent the third price?—The third estimate was for 40,000 delivered at the end of October, the price being \$4,300, that is to say, 43 cents each.

Why Price Was Raised

Why was the price raised from 42 cents to 43 and then to 48?—Because the term for delivering the blocks is a long one. The first price was for delivery at six weeks and the final price, 48 cents, was for delivery at the end of three weeks only—a shorter space of time. The terms fixed for the blocks at 48 cents per block was for delivery to commence three weeks afterwards and then six weeks from the third week when blocks should be delivered every day.

Was any period fixed for the completion of the contract?—It is in the specifications.

Have you completed the contract yet?—Yes.

When did you complete it?—A little over a month ago.

And when did you start doing it?—We commenced making these blocks on October 4, 1940. Not commencing the making of the actual blocks but commencing to lay out the moulds.

And you finished a month ago?—Yes.

Made 425,000 Blocks

Now, having made blocks in all have you made for the A.R.P.?—425,000.

And they were delivered at your works, were they not?—Ex the workshop.

Well, according to this tender that you have produced here signed by Capt. Hobbs, paragraph 7 states: "Delivery is to commence three weeks from the date of order at the rate of 600 per day and after the sixth week at the rate of 2,000 per day to the maximum number of 250,000."

Yes, that is correct.

Now do you claim to make 425,000?

0007.—There was a subsequent contract to the one that you have just read. That tender was signed by Mr. Pearce (then Acting Director of Public Works) for 100,000. (Two contracts produced).

Received Orders

Well, can you tell us how you again came to get these two further contracts from Mr. Pearce?—I received the orders by post from Mr. Pearce.

You did not approach the P.W.D. in any way for it, did you?—No.

And when you got the order did you go and see anybody at the Public Works?—I went and saw Capt. Hobbs about it.

What did you tell him?—I said this: I have received an order to make 100,000 blocks. He said: "Very well, carry on with it." Having completed that 100,000 blocks then I received a subsequent order and same as before I went and saw Capt. Hobbs and explained it to him. He told me to carry on.

Before you got the first order to make these concrete blocks has your firm ever made any concrete blocks?—Never before.

Does anybody in your firm know anything about manufacturing concrete blocks?—The foreman, Ng Ho, he lives in Shamshuipo but he has no idea at my firm.

How much do you pay him a month?—\$300 and food. We also pay for his travelling expenses and various other expenses.

But had he ever made concrete blocks before you got this order?—Not this particular type of blocks made for the Government but he made certain blocks for cement concrete roofs. He has never made this particular kind of blocks before.

Cost Of Testing

I see that under the specification there is a clause here which says that the contractor in every case will bear the cost of testing the blocks when necessary. I cannot read it. Is that so, I don't know.

Have you ever been called upon by the P.W.D. to bear the cost of testing the blocks?—Never.

Do you know if any of your blocks have ever been tested by the P.W.D.?—I know that they have been tested.

When?—Every Monday morning the blocks were to be carried to the P.W.D. office for testing purposes.

Do you know if they were actually tested?—I have heard that those blocks that I sent to the P.W.D. were to be tested at the Green Island Cement works.

Did you yourself ever see them tested?—Never.

Received Complaints

Did you ever get any complaints that these blocks taken away for testing were of satisfactory quality?—At first yes, Capt. Hobbs spoke to me that the blocks were not satisfactory.

Did he say why they were not?—The reason was that the blocks were not allowed to dry long enough before the moulds were removed and they were taken away for testing purposes.

Your workmen were not doing their work properly, were they?—As a rule the testing of blocks should not be carried out until the expiration of two weeks after the completion of the blocks. If the blocks were made and removed from the moulds they were to be placed in water immediately for a couple of weeks and then tested. But before the expiration of two weeks they were tested and were not good, because they were not long enough in the water.

Where did you make these blocks?—At North Point.

You have one yard?—Yes.

You had this before you started making these blocks?—No. Not before.

Special Yard For Job

You got this yard specially to make these blocks?—Yes.

So that the position is that with that yard for the work of making concrete blocks you had no facilities for making these blocks?—The first I sent in the tender was September 25 and on September 24 I went up for that purpose and then I inquired whether Government would supply a site for making these blocks.

To this, Capt. Hobbs told me that there was a piece of Crown Land at the Army Ordnance Office and that whoever succeeded in the tender would get this place for working. But when I succeeded in getting the contract, the ground was not referred to was not available for me.

Did he tell you that he had given it to another contractor?—Yes, Sang Lee.

You had to go and rent your own yard?—No. Then told Capt. Hobbs that since for the time being I was not supplied to me by Government for making these blocks I was not able to carry on to make the blocks at the price of 48 cents per block.

What did he say?—He told me to go around and find out which Government land is available and I and I could not do it because I did not know which is Government land and which is not. So he got this piece of land at North Point for me. Is it Government land or private land?—It is Crown land.

My question is quite correct. Before you got the work of making these blocks you had no facilities for making concrete blocks?—That is so, but after we succeeded in getting the work we inquired whether or not that would be supplied for making these blocks.

"I Don't Understand Why"

After the tender had been awarded to you you proceeded to buy the necessary tools to execute the work, is that right?—Yes.

So have this position: Sang Lee and your firm, neither of which knew anything at all about making concrete blocks, were given a very large contract at 40 1/2 cents and 48 cents respectively to make these blocks. Yet Capt. Hobbs knew at that time that the Concrete Products Company, a firm who specialise in making these blocks, had offered to supply the whole amount required at 38 cents

and for a bigger size of blocks than those you made. Have you any comments to make on that?—I don't understand. I don't know why.

Are you not surprised to hear that?—Witness took a long time to answer and finally replied that he was not surprised at all.

Well, you are the only one in this room who is not surprised. And that price quoted by the Concrete Products Company was according to the specifications sent out from London, a proportion of 1-2-4, while yours was in the proportion of 1 1/4-2 1/2-5. Mine was also about the same as 1-2-4.

In your tender it says that quotations are to be given for 25,000 of your works in Kowloon and Hongkong. Is that right?—Yes.

And paragraph 8 says: "Addresses of the works asked for in paragraph 8 of the Kowloon and Hongkong are to be supplied." Did you supply the P.W.D. or the A.R.P. with the addresses of your works for making concrete blocks?—No.

Site Promised

Why not? Is it because you have not got any?—Before sending in the tender to Capt. Hobbs he told me that I would be given a site at the Army Ordnance Depot.

Capt. Hobbs knew that you had no works?—Yes, I told him.

Where is your office?—100 Second Street, Salyngun.

Have you got any warehouses?—Yes, at the Jardine's site at Causeway Bay near the Imperial Chemical Industries.

Is that your only warehouse?—Yes.

How big is it?—Only one storey. Sixty feet by 20 feet roughly.

What do you keep in this godown?—Some wooden materials and some old tools.

What is the capital value of all that, \$100?—More than that, between \$5,000 and \$7,000.

\$20,000 Net Profit

How much has your firm made out of this contract?—A net profit of \$20,000.

Do you keep books?—Yes.

Will you produce all your books which have entries in them concerning these contracts?—I will.

Are you performing any other contract for the Government at the moment?—We are doing some work in connection with emergency oil stores for the A.R.P. at Shek-O.

What is the value of that contract?—\$51,600.

Supplied Particulars

How did you get that?—By tender to C.S.O.

Did you ever see Capt. Hobbs about that?—He supplied me with particulars for sending the tender. He also gave me a plan.

And on his particulars you sent in your tender?—Yes.

How long had you known Capt. Hobbs?—About a year after he came to Hongkong.

About six or seven years ago?—Yes.

Mr. Bellamy: You rather complained that these blocks that were tested and which failed had not been given time to set, but the specifications provided that they were not to be tested until after the expiration of 28 days.

Witness: I was not informed when the blocks were taken away for testing.

The Chairman: Do you know to which yard the blocks were taken?—Witness: I don't know.

Do you know who used to go and take them away?—Last year it was the Sang Lee Company, this year, the Tung Shan.

Have you got any stock now or have they all been taken away?—We still have a small amount with us.

Cost Of Moulds

What have you done with the moulds?—They are still in our yard. Tell us roughly what they cost you to make?—The wooden moulds about \$4 each and the iron ones between \$5 and \$8.

Do you know what was the total cost to your firm of making these moulds?—I think \$15,000.

What do you intend to do with them now that you have finished the work?—They are useless.

Has all this been calculated in your \$20,000 profit?—The moulds are not included in the net profit.

So the \$20,000 profit takes into account the fact that you spent \$15,000 in moulds?—That is so.

At the request of Mr. Tinson, the Chairman asked Witness the date of the first contract for the making of concrete blocks and the reply was October 2, 1940.

Mr E. W. Blackmore

The next Witness called was E. W. Blackmore, of E. W. Blackmore Ltd., who said that his firm were the General Managers of the South China Spuncrete Company.

The Chairman: Who are the South China Spuncrete Company?

Witness: The biggest shareholders are E. W. Blackmore Ltd. who has two Directors, myself and Mr. F. E. A. Remedios.

I understand that the Spuncrete Company performed a contract for the P.W.D. in connection with the making of concrete blocks. Is that so?—That is so.

Have you got the contract here?—I have the original contract and the original inquiry.

The Chairman said: "Acting as you call the contract is a letter from Capt. Hobbs dated October 2 instructing you to commence the manufacture of 250,000 concrete blocks at the rates quoted in your letter of September 30. Where is this letter of September 30?"—The original inquiry was for 18 by 9 by 9 inches blocks.

Original Inquiry

In your letter of September 24 addressed to the A.R.P. Architect (Capt. Hobbs), you say: "In response to your inquiry of 21st instant, I have the original contract and the original inquiry."

Where is that inquiry?—I have already handed that in. I have already handed that in.

How did you come to get this inquiry from Capt. Hobbs?—Since July 8, August 1940 I had seen the Director of A.R.P. on occasions

and suggested the use of blocks such as those we were making at that time, and finally, we sent in samples of a similar type to the Director of A.R.P. at the same time giving him quotations for them. I think the date was about September 4 and we subsequently received from him an order to make altogether 20,000 blocks. Those were the larger size blocks—18 by 9 by 9 inches.

Written Orders

Was this done verbally or through letters passed between you two?—We have written orders.

You got that inquiry and the D.A.R.P. gave you an order for 20,000?—Yes, 10,000 at first and 10,000 later of the original size of 18 by 9 by 9 inches.

What was the quotation for that?—Sixty-seven cents per block exclusive of delivery, to be added for filling the hollow walls with sand. Later on we agreed to a reduction of this price and we subsequently accepted 63 cents and 20 cents. This was mentioned in a letter of September 8 which also made the reservation that the price for the second 10,000 would be eventually reduced to the total figure accepted being 70 cents instead of 63.

Pen Shelters

Did you make these blocks?—Yes and most of them were used in the erection of pen shelters at Canal Road West.

What happened after that?—On September 21 we received a request to tender for 18 by 9 by 9 inch blocks. We received the request from Capt. Hobbs and we sent in a tender quoting 55 cents per block. Subsequently, I went to see Capt. Hobbs.

I'm not quite sure whether I actually called on him—and a few days later he gave me a different sized of 17 1/2 by 8 1/2 by 4 1/2 inch blocks, and on September 30 I sent in a revised tender at 50 cents a block.

Was your rate of 50 cents per block accepted by Capt. Hobbs?—Yes.

And you have made 425,000 blocks at 50 cents each?—Yes.

Where is your yard for making the blocks?—Gillies Avenue.

And you were doing this class of work before you got the contract?—Yes.

For how many years?—We started business in 1933 or 1934.

Contract Completed

Have you completed that contract?—Yes, in July 7.

And you started on October 27?—Yes.

Do you know on what sites your blocks have been used?—I understand that your blocks have been used almost entirely on the various Kowloon sites.

As far as you know, none on the Island?—I believe a few have been used for the new Urban Council Building. As far as I know, none used for A.R.P. sites in Hongkong.

Can you tell me what is the net profit your firm has made over this contract?—I am afraid I cannot give you a net profit on the whole, but I can say that up to the end of last year—our financial year ends on May 31—our firm made a net profit of some \$11,000.

We just want to know the net profit of this particular contract. I will have to look that up.

Are you performing any other contract for the A.R.P. or the P.W.D.?—No.

Have you had any others in connection with the A.R.P.?—No.

So far as you know then, this is the only A.R.P. contract you have?—Yes, the only direct contract we had from the A.R.P.

At the request of Mr. Tinson, the Chairman asked Witness: You first came into this picture of making blocks when you were asked by the D.A.R.P. to give quotations of what you charged for making 10,000 blocks?—The first suggestion came from me when I sent samples along.

Showed Samples

Did you have an interview with him?—Yes and I showed him some samples.

And as a result of that letters were exchanged?—Yes.

Since this order from the D.A.R.P. for 20,000 blocks, have you had any other orders from him direct in connection with concrete blocks?—No. All subsequent contracts came from Capt. Hobbs.

This concluded the evidence of Mr. Blackmore who pointed out that he had only made a few blocks and had received no orders for these of smaller size.

Hearing was adjourned to this afternoon.

Major Baseball DODGERS MOVING AHEAD ON HOME STRAIGHT

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (UP).—Brooklyn Dodgers continue to move ahead of the St. Louis Cardinals in the home stretch drive for the National Baseball League pennant. To-day, Dodgers beat New York Giants in both games of a double-header, while St. Louis Cardinals split even with Cincinnati Reds in a similar fixture.

Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Batteries—Hubbell, Bowman, Wittig; Danning	13	14	2
Batteries—Hague, Owen	3	7	1
Batteries—Milek, Hendricks	7	10	0
Batteries—Wynett, Allen, Casey, Owen	7	10	0
Batteries—Thompson, Turner, Beggs; Lombardi	11	11	0
Batteries—Kist, Gumbert; Mancuso	5	9	2
Batteries—St. Louis, Cardinals	7	11	1
Batteries—St. Cooper, Hutchinson; W. Coon	10	15	1

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Batteries—Chase, Masterson; Early	10	6	1
Batteries—Marchildon; Hayes	4	8	0
Batteries—Wright, Evans	2	6	2
Batteries—Harris; Wagner	6	6	0
Batteries—Dean; Henneley	4	6	1
Batteries—Birdsall, Tobolski	5	13	2
Batteries—Wilson, Kyba, Johnson; Peacock	8	12	0
Batteries—Gomez, Murphy; Dickey	11	10	0
Batteries—Galehouse; Ferrell	1	8	0
Batteries—Loom; Tresh	1	8	0

Patriotism And Football Being Made To Combine

An inquiry into the status of representative of clubs affiliated to the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, vis-a-vis their relationship with the Chungking Government, will soon be conducted, as the result of a resolution passed at the monthly meeting of the Federation last week.

It was learned from Mr. Mok Hing, the President, yesterday that the matter was first brought up by a representative of the Hongkong and Shanghai Sportsmen's Union, who proposed two rules.

One of which was to the effect that any club which is a member of the Federation should lose its membership status if its registration has either been cancelled or refused by the Chungking Government. The other rule was that any representative of a club affiliated to the Federation whose actions have been found contrary to the interests of the Chungking Government or who has been censured or disapproved by that Government should lose its representative status in the Federation.

These rules were passed on the first reading, but when they came up for their second reading one member commented, in regard to the first rule, that while he was entirely in favour of it, he would like to have the wording made clearer.

The views of this member, according to Mr. Mok, were that the majority of the 11 clubs who are members of the Federation were not registered with the Chungking Government. Besides, there was nothing in the rules to compel a club to register, and therefore it would be impossible to carry the proposed resolution, as it was worded, into effect.

Heated Discussion

A heated discussion, said Mr. Mok, then followed during which it was suggested that the proposal be referred into the Committee of the Federation to be passed as a rule. The representative of the Residents' Union, however, insisted, said Mr. Mok, on his proposal being passed as it stood, and he was supported by 11 of the 29 representatives present; but the rules of the Federation required a two-thirds majority and therefore was defeated.

Subsequently, the resolution was amended so that the only disagreement was on the way in which it was worded.

The Federation later held another meeting at which it was agreed to amend the wording of the proposal to read in effect that any club found acting contrary to the interests of the Chungking Government or which has been censured by the Government, or whose registration has either been cancelled or refused by the Government, should lose its membership status in the Federation. This proposal was passed.

Inquiry

In regard to the second proposal of the Residents' Union, which was also adopted, Mr. Mok said that a representative of the Eastern Athletic Association suggested that an inquiry be held into the status of each representative in the Federation, vis-a-vis their relationship with the Chungking Government. This suggestion was approved and the Federation has appointed a special committee, comprising one member from each affiliated club, to conduct the inquiry.

It was learned that the Federation has also decided to hold 11 club championships, the first of which will be held on September 11. The championships will be held in the following order: 1. 100 yds. race, 2. 200 yds. race, 3. 400 yds. race, 4. 800 yds. race, 5. 1,600 yds. race, 6. 3,200 yds. race, 7. 6,400 yds. race, 8. 12,800 yds. race, 9. 25,600 yds. race, 10. 51,200 yds. race, 11. 102,400 yds. race.

St Leger Favourite Beaten By Head

MANCHESTER, Sept. 4 (Reuter).—A large crowd, including hundreds of Lancashire war workers, gathered to watch the St. Leger, the last turf classic of the season, beating Chateau La Rose by a head in a thrilling finish.

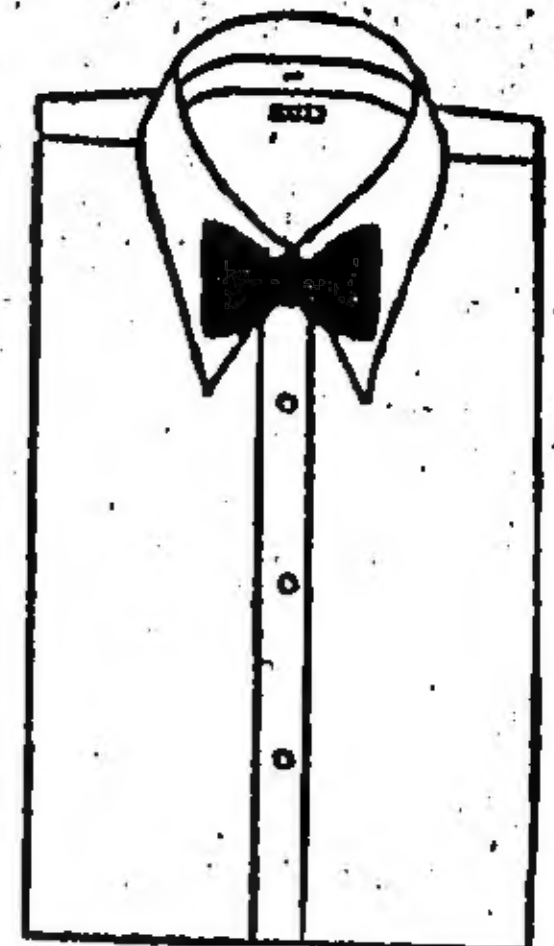
St. Leger is owned by Lord Portlaoise, who has an important job in the Ministry of Supply. The owner of Chateau La Rose is Mr. Harry Morris, a well-known racing man.

Lord Portlaoise's Daring Time, the only filly in the race, finished third, one length behind.

Devonian was clear of the field at the half-mile post, but Mazarin took the lead on entering the straight. Mazarin still held command two furlongs from home, then Chateau La Rose went to the front just below the distance but was immediately challenged by Sun Castle and Dancing Time in a great finish with Sun Castle just furlong ahead.

Sun Castle covered the mile and six furlongs in 10 minutes 12 seconds.

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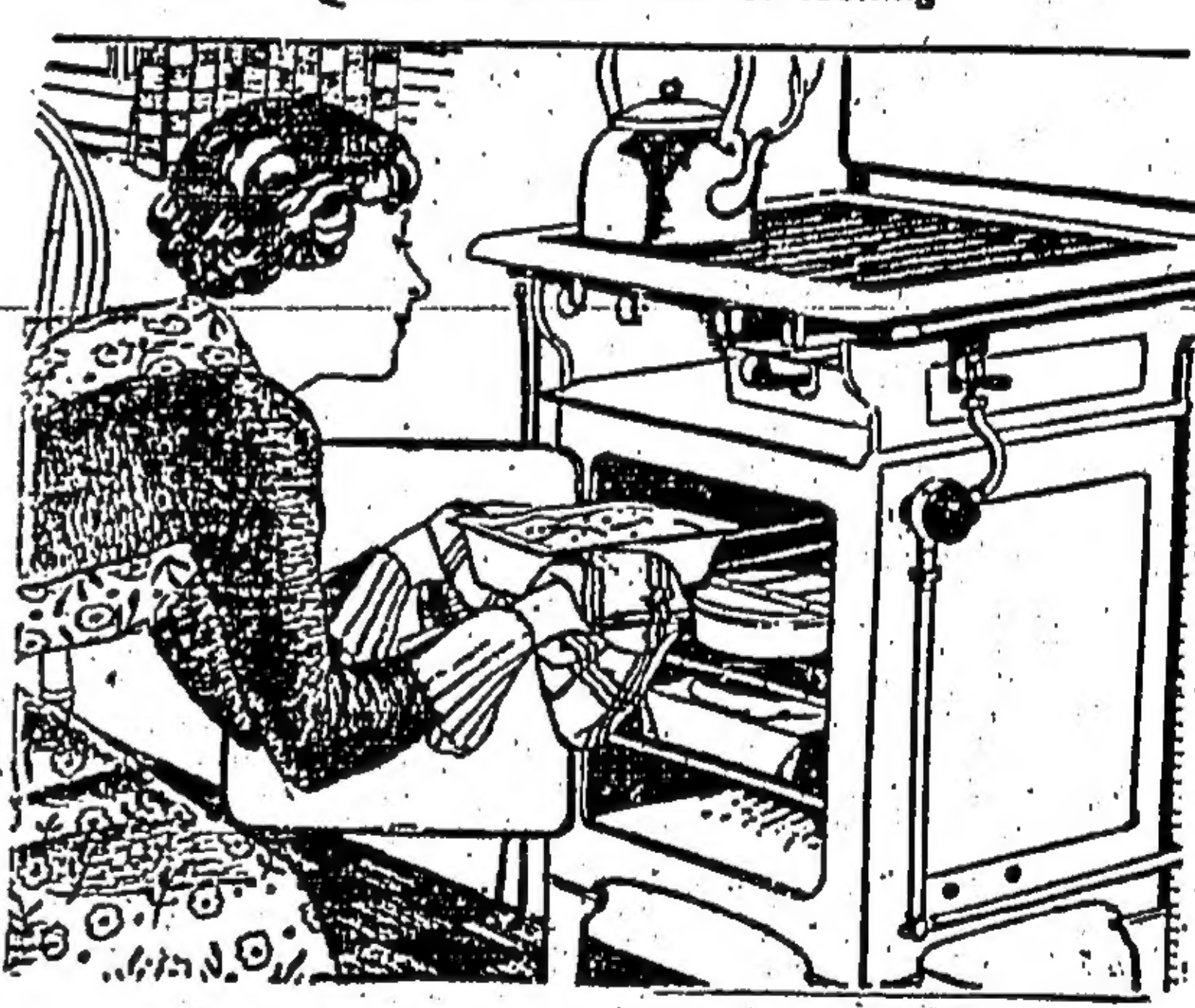


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Saturday's Raid Over Rhineland Described

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The full story of the Saturday night Rhineland raid is told by the Air Ministry. Though there was a moon and clear sky over Western Germany, the target was found only after skillful navigation.

The target was the chemical works at Huls, just north of the Ruhr, an important plant for the manufacture of buna or synthetic rubber with which Germany planned to make the army and air force independent of the blockade.

One Whitley pilot circled and straggled the whole area for an hour and half before the navigator was certain that the right place was reached. Then he saw his bombs explode among the buildings and several fires sprang up.

Other crews had similar experiences. Searchlights were everywhere—one pilot dived within a hundred feet of the ground to escape them—and anti-aircraft fire was intense.

Rattling Shrapnel

One Canadian on his return described the shrapnel fragments rattling against his bomber as like "darky dancer rattling bones."

Many Nazi night fighters were seen. A Messerschmitt 100 attacked a Wellington from astern, then

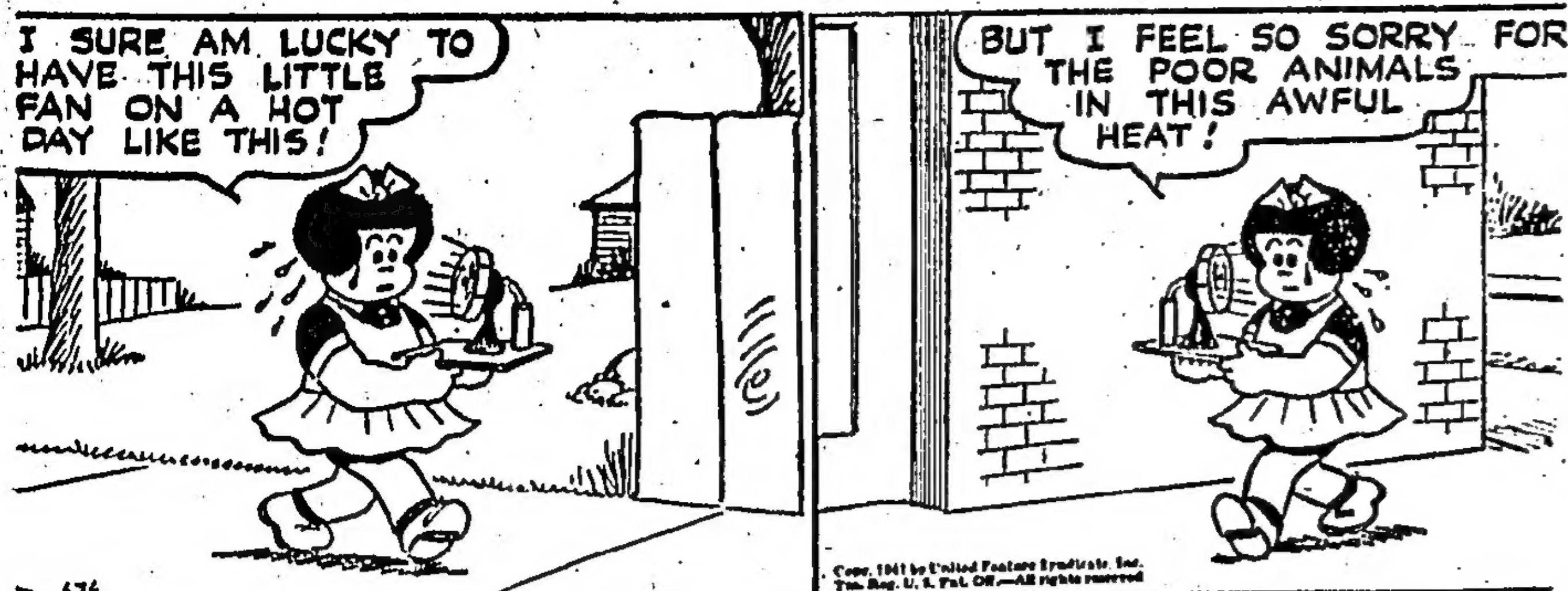
Mackenzie King In Canada

OTTAWA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Minister, arrived in Montreal from London to-day.

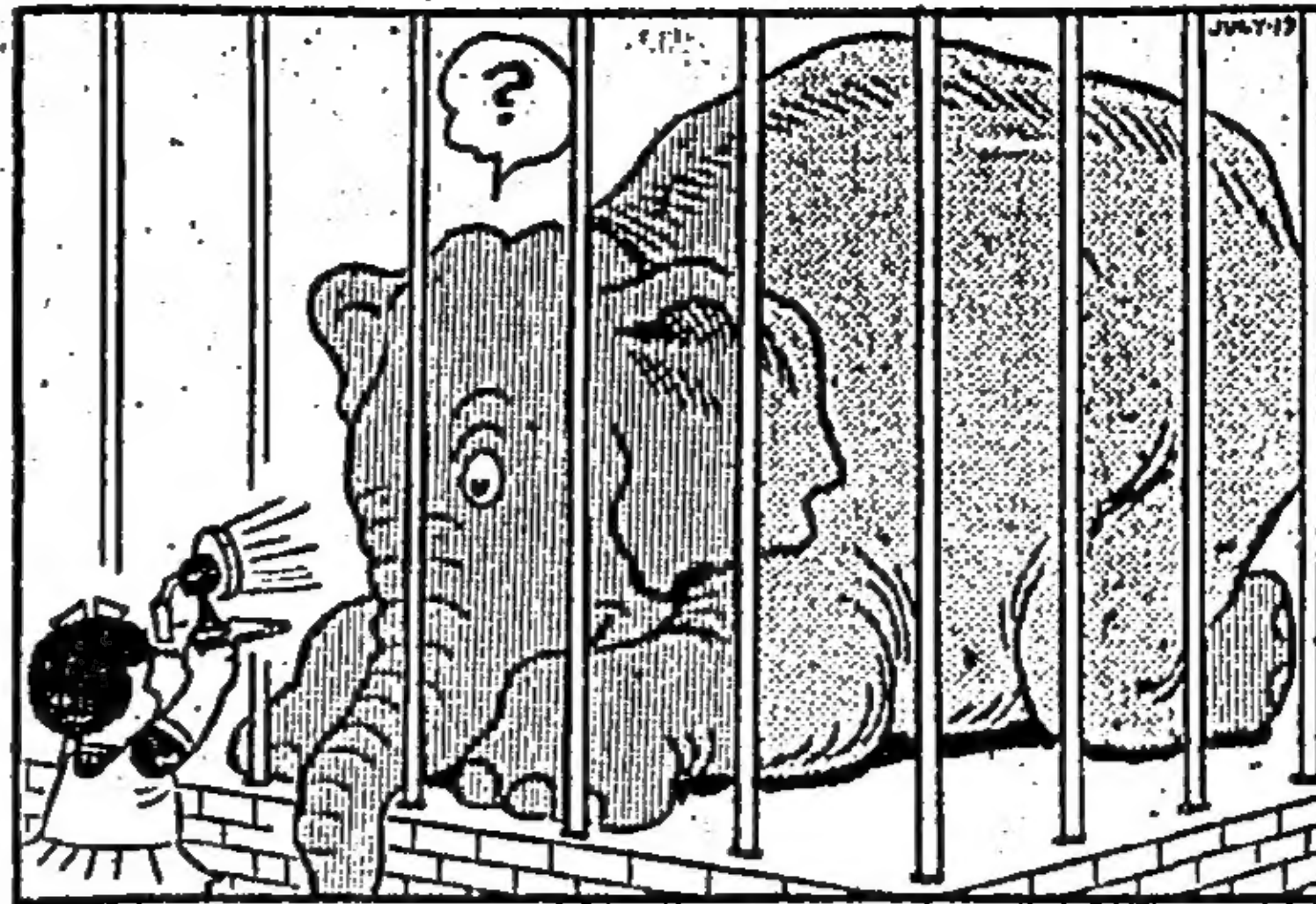
When he alighted from a transport plane of the R.A.F. Ferry Command, he was greeted by Mr. E. Lapointe, Minister of Justice and Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions.

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By Ernie Bushmiller



UNABATED BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD

Issue Remains In Balance

(War Commentary by "Annalist")

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Throughout the week-end, the battle for Leningrad continued unabated. The issue remains in the balance: the Soviet communiqué is reticent, reporting only that fighting continues, while even the Germans merely fall back upon the accustomed formula that operations continue "according to plan."

Despite the huge effort the Germans are making, it seems that they have nothing concrete to report since their claim two days ago that Leningrad was under shell-fire.

Even if this claim is true, it is not particularly significant for it may be noted that Odessa, Tobruk and even Dover all have been under German shell-fire, but are far from being in German hands.

Nevertheless it would be foolish to underestimate the seriousness of the German thrust on Leningrad. It is not doubt it is just because the Russians realise the strategic importance of that city they are now exerting such strenuous efforts to defend it.

Diversion Of Strength

Should Leningrad fall at any time before the winter sets in, it might leave a section of the Nazi army free to sweep inwards towards Moscow and in addition would give them in the port of Leningrad a valuable supply base free from mud and snow though not from ice, for it should be noted that the Gulf of Finland is ice-covered throughout the winter months.

The defences which the Germans are now facing in Leningrad are formidable. Indeed the three concentric rings of fortifications around its southern approaches (the only direction from which the city can seriously be threatened) have been compared in strength with the best in the world. They may not be impregnable but they certainly will exact a disastrous toll of German lives if the Nazis decide to try to take the city by storm.

Even if the Germans reach the very outskirts of this city of 3,000,000 inhabitants, their problems will have only begun for the boundaries are a network of rivers and canals. The southern sector alone is threaded by five canals while the 400-yard wide River Neva protects this quarter from the east.

With the Russians determined to fight from waterway to waterway and house to house and with the winter coming soon, it is easy to imagine the formidable task and huge toll of human lives awaiting the Nazis before their communiqué will be able to claim that they have taken Leningrad, "according to plan."

Nazi Nonsense

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It was stated here today that the Germans are nowhere near the southern approaches to Leningrad, still less the eastern approaches.

Greer Sequel Inflames U.S. Opinion

Nazi Charges Ridiculed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—German charges against President Roosevelt over the Greer incident are treated as ludicrous here as no one believes that the Greer had any orders to do anything but defend herself.

Moreover, the destroyer was so plainly marked that no submarine commander with a periscope above the water could possibly have mistaken her for one transferred to Britain.

The incident, which appeared fairly innocuous at first, now threatens to develop into a serious diplomatic issue and while no one still believes that it can lead America into war, it will intensify relations and incidents in future will unquestionably inflame opinion here.

Reports from Hyde Park that President Roosevelt is considering convoys as a result of the Greer incident are received here with intense interest but no further information on this head is available here.

Ex-President Dead

HAVANA, Sept. 7 (UP).—The former President of Cuba, Senor Mario Garcia Menocal, 73, died here today.

Nazi-Turkish Trade Talks

Delegation To Ankara

ISTANBUL, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Dr. Ciodius the German trade negotiator, has now arrived here by air at the head of a large delegation including nine economic experts. They are proceeding to-morrow to Ankara where talks will take place. The Turkish delegates will be headed by M. Kishmir, Counselor of the Ministry of Commerce.

It is believed that the new agreement envisages transactions valued at about £20,000,000 based on the barter system. In view of defects in the means of transport and the difficulties of communications by land and sea it is considered that the Germans will be unable to derive all the advantages hoped for from the agreement.

Chrome Surplus

ANKARA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It is learned in Turkish business circles that the Germans are likely to press for chrome which Germany does not need at present but wants to purchase in order to strike a diplomatic blow at Britain who according to an agreement which however, expires shortly unless renewed, was granted the right to purchase all Turkey's exportable surplus of chrome.

Foochow Is Returning To Normalcy

FOOCHOW, Sept. 7 (Central News).—Conditions in Foochow are gradually returning to normal. With the rehabilitation of the city under way former residents are returning in large numbers.

To relieve the acute shortage of food the Fukien Provincial Food Bureau has sent here a considerable quantity of rice for distribution among the refugees. The price of the staple is now quoted at \$1.60 per picul at the time of the fall of the city it rose to as high as over \$1,000 per picul.

Communication on the Min River was restored yesterday when a ship left here down river amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. Thousands of people lined the banks and cheered the departing vessel and fire-crackers were let off.

Booty Captured

NANPING, Sept. 7 (Central News).—Chinese "mopping up" operations on both banks of the Min River have yielded a huge war booty and a number of prisoners.

At Tungkong, a heavily-guarded Japanese post about seven miles west of Foochow where the decisive battle for Foochow was fought on the night of September 2, the Chinese captured 300 shells abandoned by the Japanese when they hurriedly evacuated the point.

In Futsing and Lienking, Japanese stragglers are being rounded up and numerous prisoners taken. They are being escorted to Foochow for trial.

One heavy gun and some 30 machine-guns were seized in the Lienking sector.

Texas Head Office To Be Transferred

The head office of the Texas Company (China) Limited in Shanghai will be shifted to Singapore sometime this month.

The transfer will involve only part of the staff of the Company which will continue to operate in Shanghai for the sale of petrol and oil.

The transfer was ordered by the main office of the company in New York owing to the slump in business in Shanghai. Mr. LeFevre, the general manager of the Company in Shanghai, will be general manager of the new head office.

ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE TREATY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP).—A technical agreement between the Bank of England and the Soviet State Bank has been signed implementing the trade pact and regulating the mode of payments and exchanges.

Japanese Silence On Oil Tankers

SHANGHAI, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The arrival of two American tankers at Vladivostok with oil for Russia has not so far been reported in any Japanese newspaper as the result of action taken by Japanese censorship, according to foreign reports reaching Shanghai.

A memorial service for the late Mr. Yih Chur-long, General Manager of the Farmers Bank of China, who passed away in America on July 15, was held at Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill Road, by a group of prominent Chinese here yesterday.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Shanghai	400
T.T. Singapore	62 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2 n.
T.T. India	62 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	49 1/2
T.T. Batavia	46 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	148
T.T. Saigon	100
T.T. France	107
T.T. Switzerland	1/6 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/4
4 m/s France	107 1/4
30 d/s India	84 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	—

Barelegged Women In St Peter's

BERNE, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—It is learned from the Vatican City that shortage of women's stockings in Italy has caused a minor revolution in Catholic traditions.

To-day the Vatican authorities permitted women to enter St Peter's without stockings.

The decision, which was based on the almost complete lack of stockings in Italy except for women able to pay exorbitant prices, will probably be applied to all Italian churches.

Envoys From Canberra

TO BRITAIN AND CHINA SYDNEY, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Sir Earle Page, who is shortly going to London to represent the Australian Government, issued a statement to-day regarding his mission.

He said: "My function will be to establish personal Cabinet liaison between the two governments. I am still directly responsible to the Australian Parliament and people."

"The primary purpose of my mission will be the presentation of the Australian viewpoint in certain major problems and immediate strategy."

"The second purpose will be to arrange the best plan for maintaining the system of direct Cabinet representation in London."

Sir F. Eggleston

SINGAPORE, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Sir Frederick Eggleston, first Australian Minister to Chungking, has arrived in Singapore.

He stated: "The policy of my appointment is gradually to extend the diplomatic representation of Australia to all countries in the Pacific with which we have diplomatic contact. This does not involve any breach if we are in unity with the British Commonwealth of Nations."

"Those appointed will regard their task as one of co-operation with British Ministers. It is, of course, true that Australia may have different interests on certain points but there will be constant consultations so as to beat out a common policy."

One Mad Man & His Dog

HITLER IN THE WOODS MADRID, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of "Ere" sends a graphic description of Hitler's headquarters about which silence up to now has been maintained.

The headquarters is no longer the train seen in newsreels. "The difficulties of railway communications have necessitated a change to a group of lorries which are transported into a kind of automobile campment," he says.

"Camp is always pitched near a mountain or wood so that Hitler can take the solitary walks he is accustomed to at Berchtesgaden. At present it is near a large wood where Hitler walks alone with a dog. A thousand precautions are taken to keep the situation secret. Mail is sent by air to different aerodromes, then by car to the camp."

"The Press chief Dr. Dietrich has a special mobile office where world news is received so that Hitler is kept informed of current events."

Enemy Escort Ship Blows Up

Supply Vessel On Fire

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—An escort vessel was blown up and a supply ship was set on fire off the Dutch coast to-day, according to an Air Ministry communiqué.

The communiqué states: "Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked an enemy supply ship and an escort vessel off the Dutch coast early this afternoon. The escort vessel was hit and blew up and the supply ship was set on fire."

"An enemy fighter was destroyed by our escorting fighters. Our fighters also carried out several offensive sweeps over Northern France in the course of which they destroyed a second enemy fighter."

"In these operations we lost two Blenheims and two fighters."

Fires Across Channel

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Flames from a chain of fires reddened the sky above Boulogne last night and watchers on the Kent coast believe that R.A.F. bombers gave the invasion ports a 90-minute bombing in brilliant moonlight.

Thousands of people from Ramsgate to Dungeness had a grandstand view of the attack, for visibility was exceptionally clear.

Searchlights tried to pick out the R.A.F. raiders and batteries of anti-aircraft guns flashed into action all the way from Boulogne to Cap Gris Nez.

At 11.30 p.m. after the last of the raiders had re-crossed the Channel, big fires were burning more fiercely than ever.

Daylight Operations

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Three British fighters were lost in to-day's daylight operations, the Air Ministry announced.

Japanese Withdraw From Syria

BEIRUT, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Japanese Consulate-General here, which has jurisdiction over Syria, Lebanon and Palestine, will close on Monday owing to the existing circumstances.

The Consul General, Mr. Saito, and the Vice-Consul are leaving Beirut. Other Japanese officials and civilians have already left for Japan.

Catrou Consultations

DAMASCUS, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Free French leader, General Georges Catroux, has proceeded to Aleppo for consultations with leading personalities concerning Syria's future.

New Incidents In Paris

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Swiss radio under the title of "New Incidents in Paris" reports a fire alleged to have been started maliciously in the garage of the 16th Arrondissement of Paris which was requisitioned by the Germans. Firemen extinguished the fire.

Investigators found in the garage bombs which had not exploded. In the Eiffel Tower quarter revolver shots were fired at a German soldier who was slightly wounded.

In the Bourse district a German civilian was ill-treated, the Swiss radio says.

Civilian Slightly Hurt

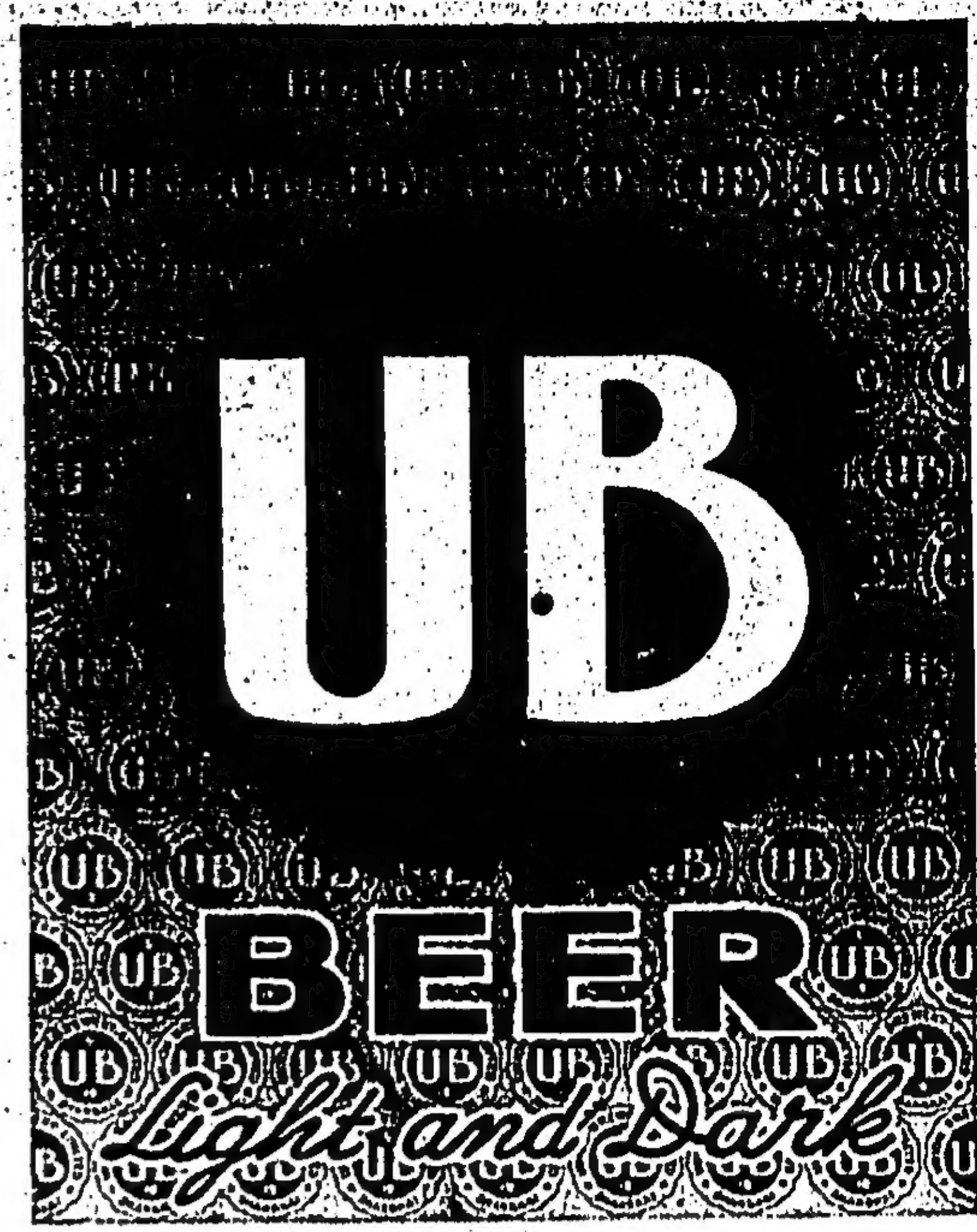
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" VICHY, Sept. 7 (UP).—A German civilian was slightly hurt when set upon and overthrown while walking late last night near the central market in downtown Paris. His assailants escaped.

MEN OF SCIENCE IN WORLD OF TO-MORROW

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Representatives of Britain and the Empire, the United States, Soviet Russia and China will meet at a three-day scientific conference in London on September 20-22 to demonstrate the common purpose of men of science in ensuring a post-war order in which the maximum benefits of science can be secured for all people.

Mr. John Winant, Mr. Malaby, and Dr. Wellington Koo are the American, Russian and Chinese Ambassadors who will preside at some of the sessions.

Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France will also be represented, and skilled scientists from Germany and Austria will probably also be present.



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President Roosevelt's Aged Mother Passes

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's mother Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt is dead.

The President and his wife spent Saturday night at his mother's bedside and they were with her when she died at 11.15 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Mrs. Roosevelt had been unconscious for 12 hours following what the family physician, Dr. Scott Smith, called "acute circulatory collapse due principally to advanced age."

The first intimation of this development came on Friday night, but Mrs. Sara Roosevelt's condition did not become alarming until late on Saturday.

The funeral at Hyde Park on Tuesday will be private.

The old lady spent most of the summer at her cottage at Campo Bello Island, New Brunswick. She left there for Hyde Park on August 31.

Met King And Queen

Mrs. Sara Roosevelt was the wife of James Roosevelt, fourth cousin of President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1938 she met the King and Queen during their stay at the Hyde Park residence of the President and his wife during the Royal tour of Canada and the United States.

Born in 1854 at Algonac, a few miles from Newburg, New York State, Mrs. Roosevelt spent her childhood in Hongkong where her father was in business. On her return to the States she married

in September, 1937, at the age of 83 Mrs. Roosevelt went to Paris at the invitation of the French Government. She visited the Paris Exhibition where she was entertained at an official luncheon. She entered the luncheon room on the arm of Mr. Paul Bonnet, who was then French Minister of Finance, and previously Ambassador in Washington.

It is presumed that Mrs. Roosevelt will be buried at St James' Episcopal Church, Hyde Park village, where the President's father is interred. Mrs. Roosevelt was very active, attending many charitable functions and state occasions but it is known that the President, when he went to Hyde Park for the week-end, wanted his mother to have a "check up" by her doctor.

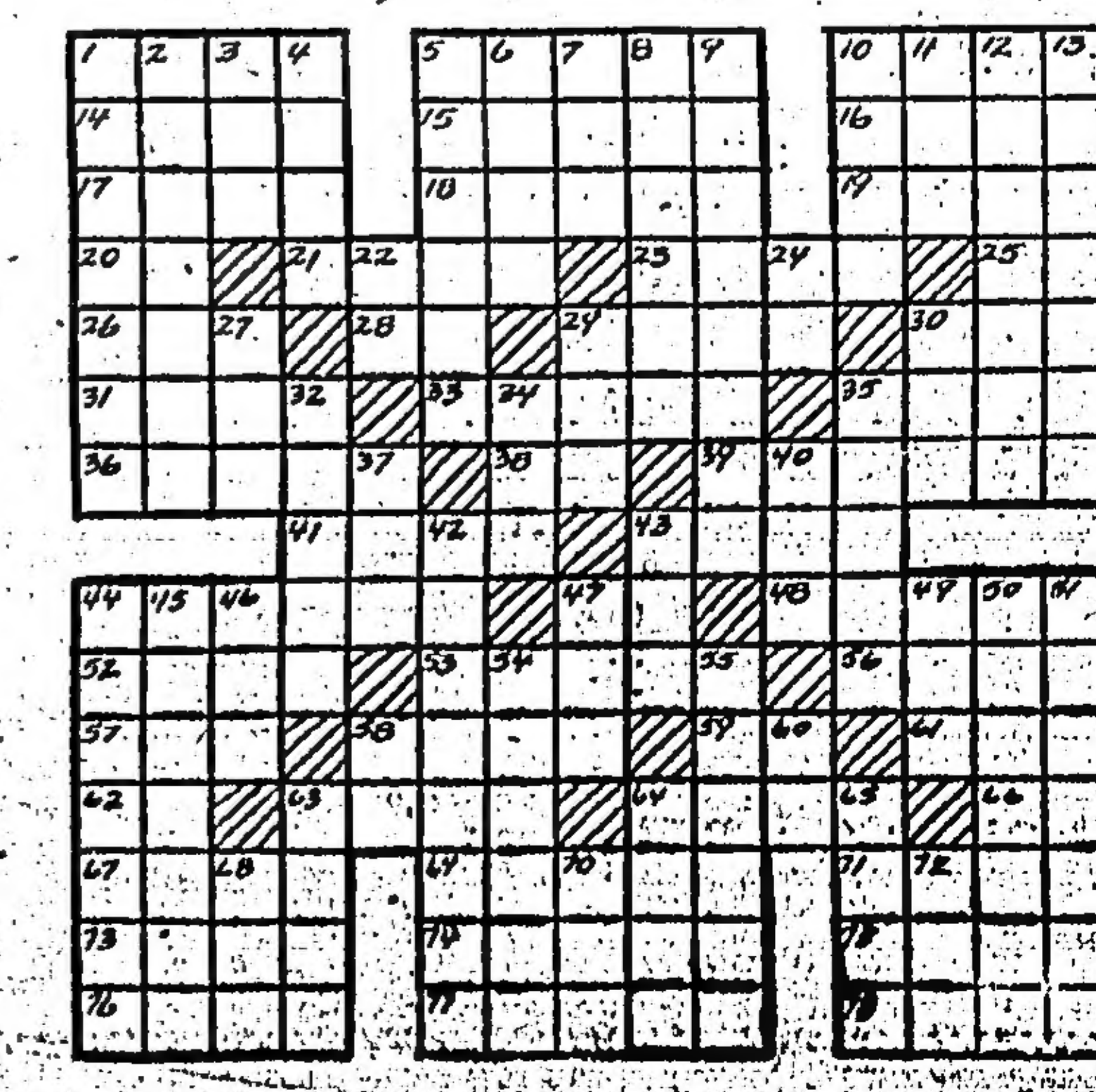
Broadcast Postponed

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—According to the Columbia Broadcasting System the broadcast is postponed to Thursday.

Crossword Puzzle

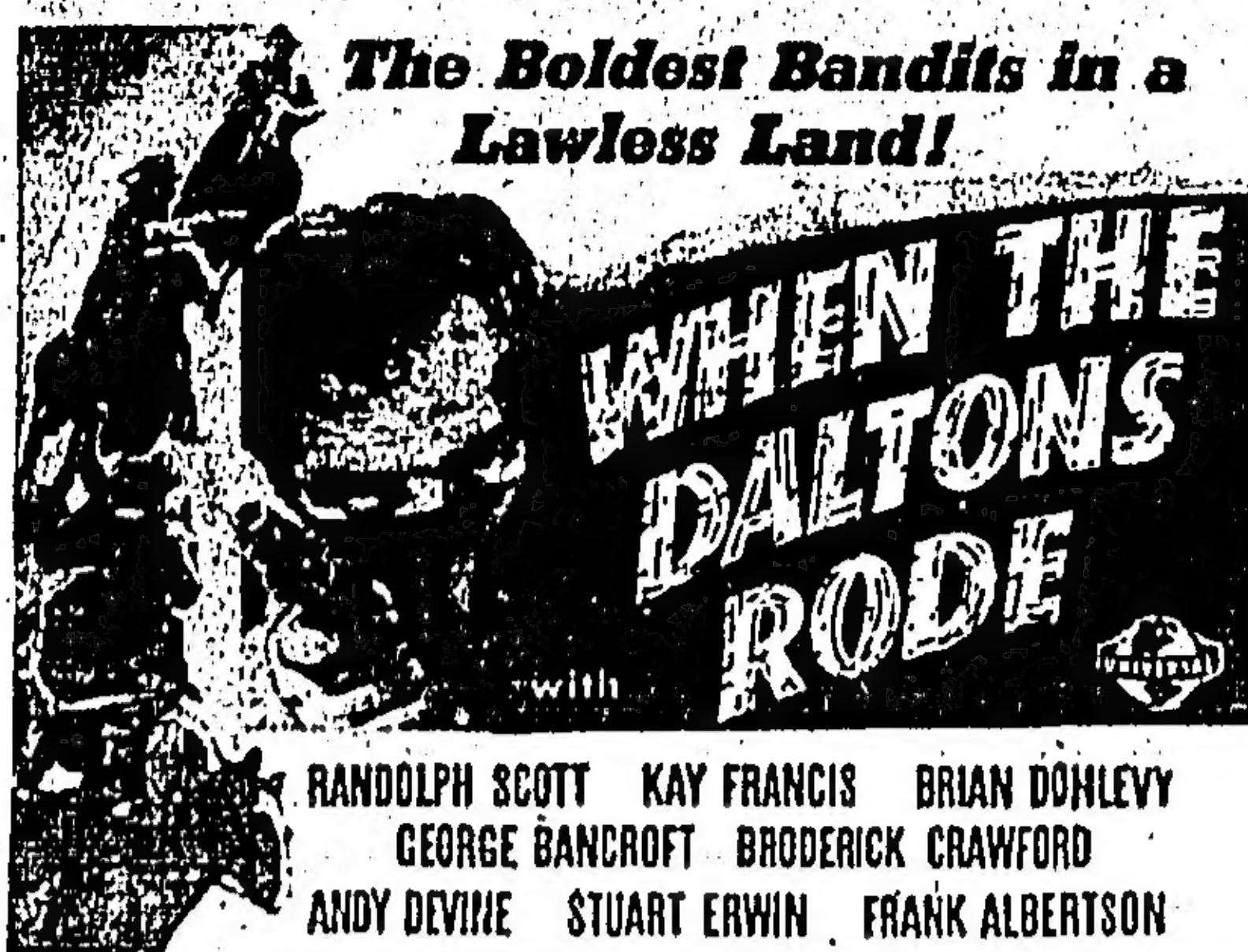
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22—Polynesian alias	23—Used to be	24—Butt in	25—Mail to include	26—Talk inconsiderately	27—Balance from fight	28—Side away from	29—Surge of consciousness	30—meaning	31—concomitant denoting
32—Makes changes in	33—Of tangible quality	34—Fascinating quality	35—Advances	36—Recently deceased	37—Along	38—World war tier	39—Bound with top	40—liver in Italy	41—Narrow
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land have spotted these bases and inflicted crushing blows on them."

Huge Losses

According to "Reuter," General Grendel gave the following figures of German losses:

"In the course of the war, our air force has destroyed over 2,000 Nazi planes on the ground. Our artillery is also inflicting on the enemy heavy losses. Nazi air formations are breaking up under the crushing attacks of our planes."

"The 51st and 54th Bomber Squadrons of the Air Corps commanded by General von Greim, lost during the first day of war 30 per cent. of their planes and the 55th Squadron 50 per cent. Losses of the German air force were heaviest in the zones of operations of General Kesselring's and Stumpfer's air fleets in the western and southwestern directions."

The General adds: "If the tempo and scale of activity on the front from the Barents Sea to the Black Sea continues without change for another two or three months, the German air losses will increase considerably."

Raw Pilots

After a few thousand skilled pilots, General Grendel continues, "the bulk of personnel of the German air force now consists of hastily trained pilots - which must inevitably result in increase of losses."

According to war prisoners, the majority of the German pilots who joined the air force either in the latter half of 1940 or the first half of 1941. It should also be borne in mind that prior to the war with the Soviet Union, German aeroplanes could not replace the losses of aircraft only when part of the air force was in action. During the period of May to September, 1940, when practically the whole of the air force was thrown into action, the German aircraft industry managed only with great difficulty to replace the losses and during these five months, the expansion of the air force stopped altogether."

Replacement

"During the entire period of the European War preceding the attack on the U.S.S.R., the losses of the Nazi air force amounted to less than 9,000 planes, yet in order to replace these losses the Germans had to make extra efforts and the air force was compelled to reduce the scale of its military operations."

"It is in the light of these facts that one should evaluate the losses of Hitler's air force in the war against the U.S.S.R. At present the German air force is forced to reduce its radius of action and the transfer of its units from one direction of the front to another. Even working at full capacity, Germany's aeroplane factories are unable to replace her rapidly increasing losses. On the other hand, our inexhaustible strength is growing day by day."

German Plane Losses

MOSCOW, Sept. 7 (UP). - At least 300 German planes have been destroyed over the approaches to Leningrad as well as hundreds of tanks and thousands of men. This was announced by M. Kuznetsov, a member of the War Council at a mass meeting yesterday and broadcast from Leningrad.

He declared, "The city has become the front. Armed people merge with the Red army and the Baltic fleet. Thousands of workers in the immediate vicinity of the front are building fortifications around Leningrad."

Japanese Scheme To Oust British

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the small but purely British units in India.

Meanwhile, Congress would appoint a provisional Government in India which would be established by Japan, preparatory to returning India to the Indians when the military phase of the revolt was concluded. In return for this, the provisional Government would undertake to compensate Japan for the expenses of the expeditionary force and any subsequent military aid necessary and also undertake to conclude trade treaties according to Japanese preference for India's import and export trade, etcetera. Additional details of subsequent relations between India and Japan to be worked out later.

Explosive Interview

The agents were understood to have reached India and saw Jawahar Nehru and other Congress leaders. The interview - to the surprise and dismay of the Japanese - was short and decisive as well as explosive. The agents beat a hasty retreat, their ears tingling with searing rebukes which elaborated the Indian leader's refusal; for, contrary to most reports according to the traveller who is in a position to know, the Indian National Congress is bitterly anti-Japanese and would under no circumstances consider any form of co-operation with the Japanese even in an attempt to free India from what they consider a British yoke.

Congress leaders explained that this attitude developed with the Japanese invasion of China. Previously, there had been some hope that Japan, as the most advanced Asiatic nation, might lead other Asiatics in their struggle against European imperialism. But when Japan copied the worst features of European imperialism and began trying to subjugate other Asiatic peoples, the revulsion of feeling in India was said to be, as one Indian Congress leader told the traveller, "It was as though a friend - one of our own people - had suddenly turned and stabbed us in the back."

CHUNGKING, Sept. 7 (Central News).

The National Government relieved Mr. T. K. Tseng of his post as Administrative Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and appointed him to be Resident Representative of the Executive Yuan in Burma.

Summary Of Week's Air Warfare

Europe & Mid. East

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter). - R.A.F. losses in the European zone last week showed a considerable drop compared with several previous weeks although their western offensive continued unabated.

Losses in Western Europe and the Middle East last week were 30 Axis and 40 R.A.F. Twenty-eight R.A.F. bombers failed to return from raids over Germany and occupied territory and attacks on shipping. R.A.F. fighters destroyed 14 Messerschmitts for the loss of 11.

In the Middle East, 20 Axis bombers and fighters were destroyed for the loss of seven R.A.F. machines. On several sweeps, fighter pilots reported that Messerschmitts reduced to light and it appears that the Luftwaffe chief is trying to conserve pilots.

Dollar-A-Year Men Get Paid

Cheque For 2 Cents

WASHINGTON, July 16. - To-day was pay day for 262 dollar-a-year men in the defence programme, but only 13 of them had worked a full year and were entitled to a whole dollar. The rest got paid, on a pro rata basis, from 2 cents up.

The cheques covered the fiscal year which ended June 30, and the Treasury computed them at the rate of 42 cents a month for the time each executive was on the pay roll. The total of all the payments was only \$126.

Many Office of Production Management executives received their annual compensation without ceremony, but John D. Buggers, Production Director, and E. R. Stettinius, Jr., Priorities Director, arranged for public distribution of checks to all recipients in their sections.

No Pay For Chiefs

Neither William S. Knudsen, OPM Director, nor Sidney Hillman, Associate Director, received a check. They had been under a 1917 law which provides that they serve without compensation. That exempts them from an old law forbidding the Government to accept the free services of any individual.

The smallest cheque - for 2 cents - went to Randolph Paul of the Office of Production Management. Government officials refused the money of the checks would be frayed and never cashed.

LATE NEWS

China Stabilisation Board's Statement

The following statement was issued to the Press this afternoon by Mr. H. Taylor, assistant to Mr. Manuel Fox, American representative on the China Currency Stabilisation Board:

Conferences between the Stabilisation Board of China and representatives of American and British Banks have been held in Hongkong in the course of the last week in order to exchange views on the United States and British Governments. Mr. J. A. Mackay, representing the American, and Mr. H. C. Hopkins, the British Banks, announced that they would co-operate fully with the Board in the attainment of common objectives. They indicated they would only buy or sell Foreign Exchange at the official rates fixed by the Board. The Chinese Banks have also promised their wholehearted co-operation with the Board. The Board appreciates the support the American, British and Chinese Banks have pledged and feels sure that the arrangements and understanding arrived at mark substantial progress.

The Stabilisation Board of China was instituted by an agreement reached on April 1, 1941 between China, the United States and Great Britain. It consists of three Chinese members, Mr. K. P. Chen (Chairman), Mr. Tse Yee-pei and Mr. Hsi Te-mou; one American member, Mr. A. L. Fox; one British member, Mr. E. L. Hall-Patch. Mr. Chen Ting-chi is its General Secretary. The Headquarters are at the Central Bank Building, Chungking and it has a temporary office in Hongkong at the Hongkong Bank Building.

The United States and British Treasuries will co-operate to the full to insure that information is available with regard to the freezing Orders issued by their respective Governments. The United States Government is delegating special personnel to be stationed in China and Hongkong for this purpose.

NAZIS STALLED IN RUSSIA

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U-73 was captured in the Barents Sea but gave no details.

Soviet military observers stated that the German air force has already been weakened so much that it was compelled to thin out in certain sectors. If the current rate of hostilities continues for two or three months, the Luftwaffe will be bled white and their operations drastically curtailed.

Berlin Report

BERLIN, Sept. 7 (UP). - Hundreds of German divebombers are reported to be taking part in the siege with artillery battering Leningrad and the intricate system of fortifications around the city causing "immense losses in men and materials," according to the official news agency.

Authoritative circles continued to be silent, however, regarding the status of the drive against Leningrad and also failed to mention the situation on the eastern front.

Dispatches to the official news agency admitted heavy resistance by both the Soviet infantry and artillery and said that the advance is proceeding along "muddy, foundationless roads."

World Book Co. Convicted

London Publishers

Prosecute

The war by London publishers against infringement of copyright by the sale in Hongkong of cheap editions of their publications printed in Shanghai, was carried further before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, J.C., at Central Magistracy, this morning, when Mr. D. B. Evans of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, appearing for Messrs. Macmillan and Company and Messrs. Longman, Green and Company, London, obtained convictions against the World Book Company, No. 74 Hollywood Road, Central, on four summonses for possessing and offering for sale - educational text books to which false trade descriptions had been applied and for knowingly exposing for sale, and selling, infringing copies of these text books.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defence and pleaded guilty.

Mr. Evans said that the summonses were in respect of August 23 and August 27.

Search Of Shop

On August 23 a clerk was sent to the book shop and he bought a copy of Hall and Knight's "Elementary Algebra."

The shop was later searched on a warrant by police officers led by Sgt. Wall, and a total of 350 infringing copies of books were discovered. As a result of this on August 27 two further summonses were issued. Mr. Evans added that the name of the publisher was actually printed on the outside of some of the books and these were exposed for sale in the shop.

Mr. Silva, pleading "a mitigation," said that a certain friend of the owner of the World Book Shop in Shanghai, had obtained a considerable number of these books at a good price and sent them down to Hongkong with a view to helping defendant. The Shanghai friend requested that the books be sold on consignment basis. Defendant to receive 25 per cent. of the profits.

Recklessness

Mr. Silva added that it was clear that the "offender" did not know that these books were infringing copies and that the defence was based not so much on complete ignorance but on the plea of recklessness and carelessness. The books were not photostatic copies but were actually reprints and the infringement was hardly detected.

"How was he to know that they were not genuine?" asked Mr. Silva, "the only question was that of price." He added that the confiscation of the 350 books would in itself prove a serious loss to defendant.

Defendant was fined a total of \$520 on the four summonses, with costs on two of the summonses.

The books were ordered to be confiscated.

U.S. TO GROW FOR BRITAIN

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Lake City, Chicago, New York, and Memphis, Tenn.

Regarding sugar, Mr. Wickard said that "no acreage limit was expected," indicating a renewal of the sugar act which is expiring this year.

He continued that the British would need from six to eight per cent. of the total American farm production next year.

Huts For Winter Campaign

ANKARA, Sept. 7 (Reuter). - Finnish, Hungarian and Rumanian saw mills are busy producing thousands of standardised wooden huts which the Germans have ordered for use in Russia during the winter.

The need for these huts is demonstrated in the film of the Russian war which the German Embassy recently showed to Turkish journalists who are amazed by the fact that they saw not a single hut standing throughout the film. The huts are being made without windows with an air space between the inner and the outer walls in order to keep out the intense cold.

President Lines Removal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Sept. 7 (Dome). - The President Lines have decided to transfer its Orient Office from Shanghai to Manila. A skeleton staff will be maintained in Shanghai.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

TO-DAY ONLY At 2.30, 5.30, 7.45 & 9.45 P.M.



HERBERT MARSHALL JAMES STEPHENSON
FREDIA WILSON, SALE BONDCHAMBERS, A WILLIAM WYLER
Screen Play by Herbert Marshall & James Stephenson
Based on the novel by E. M. Forster

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M-G-M Musical Comedy in "LITTLE NELLIE KELLY"

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